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BIG EXPLOSION IN TEL-AVIV

Haganah Intervenes To Foil Irgun Zvai Leumi Tunnel Burrowed Under Street

Tel-Aviv, June 18. A powerful explosion today wrecked the basement of a building less than 20 yards from the gate of Citrus House—the heart of the British Security Zone in Tel-Aviv.

One young Jew, believed to be a member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, extremist organisation, was found dead in the basement and other casualties are expected.

The police said the youth, along with 20 other Irgunists, had been plotting an attack on Citrus House in retaliation for the death sentences passed on three Irgunists in Jerusalem on Monday.

"I was driving near Citrus House when an explosion shook a large apartment house and people dashed over for shelter. Smoke and dust clouds immediately mushroomed over the scene," said the IIP correspondent.

Unofficial sources said the explosion would probably lead to the discovery of one of the largest underground arms caches in Tel-Aviv.

Many previous attacks with small arms fire had been directed at Citrus House from the scene of the blast.

Half an hour after the explosion, police and army officers had not appeared on the scene. No persons dared to approach the house. Soldiers immediately moved into strategic positions at roofs and windows behind machine-gun nests.

Arms Seized
The police arrived later and seized quantities of arms and ammunition from the shambles of the basement.

Eye-witnesses said they saw scores of dark-skinned youths fleeing from the basement immediately after the explosion.

Strangely, the upper storeys of the building remained in place on concrete pillars.

The police said that most of the locally-made bombs were undoubtedly in this basement.—United Press.

Tunnel Plot
The terrific explosion, which is purported to have been set off by the Jewish underground army Haganah, wrecked the headquarters of the extremist

30-Minute Drama

London, June 17. Mrs. Mary Beagleman turned on the tap in her bathtub today and then saw a mouse in the tub.

Mrs. Beagleman took the elevator downstairs to get the porter to kill the mouse.

The porter and Mrs. Beagleman took the elevator upstairs. The elevator stuck between the sixth and seventh floors.

Thirty minutes later, neighbours called firemen, who (1) unlocked the elevator, (2) waded through Mrs. Beagleman's bathroom to turn off the tap, and (3) carried a drowned mouse away for burial.—United Press.

Not Quite Good Enough

London, June 17. A lawyer, who stood on his head on a police station table and "did it remarkably well," was found guilty of driving his automobile while under the influence of drink at a court here today.

Disqualified from driving for a year, fined £10 and ordered to pay £3 costs, the lawyer was stated by a police surgeon to have staggered badly when asked to walk round the room close to the wall, but said that he could do better than that and tried to stand on his head on the table. "He got his feet off the ground and did it remarkably well," the police surgeon stated.—Reuter.

Winnie Smoking A Cigar

London, June 17. Waving a large cigar and grinning broadly at workmen who gave him the "V" sign, Mr. Winston Churchill left his London nursing home in a stretch-er, and was carried into his home at Hyde Park Gate, South Kensington.

Mr. Churchill had an operation for hernia last week. The locality of the nursing home had been kept a close secret. When he arrived at Hyde Park Gate in a private ambulance some of his staff went out to assist the nursing home staff to carry Mr. Churchill into the house.

Later, it was stated that he was considerably improved in health.—Reuter.

PALESTINE A.S.P. ARRESTED

Jerusalem, June 18. Major R. Farran, 26-year-old Assistant Superintendent of the Palestine Police, who was extradited from Syria yesterday, was under arrest in Jerusalem today "on a serious charge."

An official statement by the Palestine Government said that the charge related to the disappearance of Alexander Rumbowitz, a 17-year-old Jew, on May 6.

Major Farran holds a number of decorations for gallantry during the war, including the D.S.O.—Reuter.

Shanghai Conference Wrangle

Shanghai, June 18. After a daylong wrangle, the United Nations Economic Conference this afternoon unanimously agreed to establish "a committee of the whole" to study the best method of carrying out the task of collecting information relating to economic reconstruction and making such investigations including enquiries in the field as may be considered necessary, and to make a report on the result of the investigations.

Before giving their approval, both the Indian and Soviet delegates demanded a clarification of the nature of the duties of the proposed committee.

Russian's Alexander Stetsenko, who surprised the conference during a technical discussion by breaking out in fluent English, maintained that if such matters as the composition, geographical scope and functions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East should come under a new Committee then the ECAFE (Economic Conference of Asia and the Far East) would be "decorative" and "deprived" of its functions.

He, however, voted for the establishment of a committee when Mr. David Owen, United Nations Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, clarified the

Hidden Loot In Japan

Tokyo, June 18. Allied officials hunting for loot today discovered \$1,000,000 worth of United States coins concealed in the war-devastated city of Nagoya and immediately ordered the Japanese Government to impound the money, SCAP announced.

Some 2,800 tons of coins were ordered to be transferred as loot property to a warehouse in Osaka where Japanese officials will prepare an inventory showing the countries of origin.—United Press.

Terrorists Give Advance Warning

Jerusalem, June 17.

The Jewish underground has served public notice on the British authorities that the truce which had been promised during the United Nations hearings here might be abandoned, with new waves of violence if the death sentences on three Jewish youths are not commuted.

Irgun Zvai Leumi warned that if it was intended to wait until the Palestine Inquiry Committee left before the youths were executed, the underground would not withhold reprisals.

It was officially learned that the three Irgunists who were sentenced to death yesterday were transferred from Jerusalem to Acre Prison. The reason for the transfer was not given but it was believed to guard against suicide or an Irgun raid on Jerusalem Prison.

In pamphlets spread through-out Tel Aviv, Irgun said they would "allow" the Palestine authorities a few days to commute the death sentences on the three Jewish youths.

But they warned that they would not "expose the condemned men to possible repetition of the Gruner case where execution was delayed and where the condemned man was held in a cell three months and then executed unexpectedly."

At the same time, the Stern Gang served similar warning that "unless the British are called upon to respect the United Nations appeal for a truce we shall by no means be able to comply with the UNSCOP becoming an instrument for the extortion of a one-sided truce on the part of the Jewish fighting underground while the enemy proceeds with its crimes undisturbed."

The Sternists recall the terms they offered following the United Nations call for a truce but cited "instances in which the British allegedly continued to employ vigorous repressive measures, deportations of immigrants, expulsions of political prisoners, death sentences, executions, military trials, restrictions, manhunt and economic strangulation."

Both declarations were interpreted here as a prelude to joint Irgun-Sternist all-out sabotage against the military police, government personnel and property probably at the end of this week.—United Press.

TREATY TO BE SIGNED

Nanking, June 18.

A Sino-British Navigation Treaty has already been concluded and is expected to be signed officially in the near future, Central News learned today.

Negotiations for a navigation pact between China and India is expected to be opened in Nanking at the end of this month.—Central News.

THE WEATHER

An anticyclone E of Japan is moving slowly E and pressure is high over Tibet. A trough extends from Manchuria to Central China and a complex low pressure area extends from W of the Marianas to Indo-China. At 08 hours CMO a tropical depression was centred about 300 miles E of Leyte. Another tropical depression or typhoon has centred about 300 miles NW of Palawan. The movement of these two depressions is unknown.

Today's Forecast—Winds moderate easterly; weather cloudy; occasional rain. Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 77.1 deg. Fah. Minimum: 73.2 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 211. Rainfall: 0.1 mm. = 0.004 inch. Total since Jan. 1—726.6 mm. as against an average of 802.2 mm.

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TYPHOON!

Manila, June 18.

Navy reconnaissance planes today noon reported a Pacific storm, apparently marking time about 325 miles east of Samar Island, while it builds up into a typhoon.

Fleet Weather Centre observers said the storm probably would start to move west-north-west again as soon as it attains typhoon velocity. The wind is presently blowing at 40 knots.—Associated Press.

"BLUEBEARD" SENTENCED

Tokyo, June 18. Japan's "Bluebeard", Yoshio Kudoira, who had been found guilty by the Tokyo District Court of criminally assaulting and murdering three women and girls, was sentenced to death today.—Reuter.

CHINA AND UNRRA DEADLINE

Washington, June 17.

The Chinese Government and UNRRA today appealed for an extension of the China relief programme beyond June 30 as the maritime strike has halted all shipments and virtually ended the programme now.

Main items which it will be impossible to ship from the United States by June are medical supplies, fishing boats, locomotives and agricultural and rehabilitation equipment.

The suppliers had already been delayed in delivering the goods for shipment and now they are arriving at ports the ships are not moving.

Officials point out that all UNRRA procurement for China is not done in the United States. The United Kingdom and Australia are also supplying some goods for China and they have no deadline on shipments such as the United States Congress set.

However, United States contributions and shipments from the United States are such an overwhelming portion of the total that if shipments from here end on June 30 it will to all intents mean the end of the programme.

The Chinese hope is that even if the State Department does not extend the deadline on general shipments, it will possibly extend it for medical supplies which they badly need.—United Press.

Crosby And Sinatra!

London, June 17.

About \$150,000 is paid yearly out of Britain's dollar resources for royalties and performing rights to United States writers of songs and dance music, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, told the House of Commons today.

Asked if he would reduce these payments to conserve dollars, the Chancellor said that he did not propose to interfere in the matter.

Members of Parliament laughed when, in reply to a further question as to whether it was fair that this liability should be increased by song plugging, he said: "If people like this kind of thing, it is in the kind of thing they like."—Reuter.

China Presses For Big Loan

Washington, June 17.

Official United States and Chinese sources said today that Ambassador Wellington Koo in a conference late in the day with the Assistant Secretary of Economic Affairs, William Clayton, was scheduled to present a formal request for State Department approval of the Chinese projects to use the \$500,000,000 earmarked Export Import Bank loan.

The Chinese now have presented to the State Department projects which, if approved, would require the entire \$500,000,000.

Dr. Koo and Mr. Clayton will discuss these projects this afternoon.

The projects now in the hands of the State Department are divided into three categories. The first of importance concerns the rehabilitation of China's transportation system; 2, relating to industrial rehabilitation and 3, agriculture.

It is known that Gen. George Marshall for the past several weeks has been pressing for the release of the Export-Import Bank loan, which the bank is holding earmarked for China, as a personal commitment to Gen. Marshall, until June 30.

Gen. Marshall commenced pressing the Bank when he be-

RED OFFENSIVE IN N. CHINA

Tientsin, June 18.

The momentum of the week-old Communist offensive in Eastern Hopei is slackening in face of effective Nationalist counter-measures, which have already resulted in the routing of the Communist forces which landed south of Tangku—the seaport of Tientsin where United States Marines are embarking for home—in junks a few days ago.

The battle in the Tangku area, according to Chinese despatches reaching here today, lasted four days during which the Reds suffered 200 casualties, all of whom were left behind when they beat a precipitate retreat.

At the same time Nationalist reinforcements have reached the south of Chenkyantung, 30 miles south of Tientsin by road and rail, and are at present engaged in heavy fighting with the Communists.

Tsungsien, 80 miles south of Tientsin is the farthest point from here attacked and occupied by the Communists in their present offensive which is based in central Hopei.

Although the Chinese press declares that the Chinese military authorities "are highly optimistic" regarding developments along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, neutral military observers here state that unless the contemplated mop-up penetrates deep into the interior from the Tientsin-Pukow railway, the Communist offensive will continue to serve as the base for future Communist activities in the province.

Seeking Corridor
General Wang Hung-chao, Chief-of-Staff of the Generalissimo's headquarters in Peiping, said today that the object of the present Communist operations—namely synchronise with Communist attacks in Manchuria—is to extend the Communist held area in order to link up with the Communists retreating from northern Shantung.

He observed that the strength of the Communist forces participating in the present offensive does not indicate that they intend to make a length occupation of the main railway towns and believe that the invaders can be driven off within a fortnight—sufficient time though for the removal of the wheat harvest, according to observers.

General Wang added that only Communist irregulars are operating in the outskirts of Peiping and their activities are not affecting peace and order

inside the city, though the railway is being harassed.

He is of the opinion that the Communist attempt to create a corridor between Manchuria and North China is doomed to failure.—Reuter.

Peiping Confab
Tientsin, June 18. A military conference of North China commanders is expected to be held in Peiping on Friday, possibly attended by General Pui Chung-hai, the Minister of National Defence who may fly up from Nanking.

Owing to the widespread Communist offensive operations in the Hopei area, General Li Tsung-jen, Director of the Generalissimo's Peiping Headquarters, is reported to be entrusted with the direction of operations around the ancient capital while General Sun Lien-chung, Commander-in-Chief, Hopei, who is currently here, is taking up the direction of operations around Tientsin and along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, 35 miles of which is available for traffic, with trains running to Chinghai, beyond which fighting is progressing.—Reuter.

Tense Situation
(Our Own Correspondent)
Peiping, June 18. The situation in the Peiping and Tientsin areas remains tense; with the Communists everywhere on the offensive.

After four days' total suspension of railway traffic between the two cities, trains are running again, but so uncertainly that a special temporary daily air service has been instituted and the Chinese papers are hinting every train arriving successfully.

Meanwhile, fighting along the north section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway is continuing. In Manchuria, the Communists have captured the railway junction of Tashihchiao and communications between Mukden and Newchwang have been interrupted.

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Mr. Clifford, in his reply, tended that the trial judge's direction to the jury was clear and so long as he had put the fairly to them, as he did, it was sufficient.

RUSSIAN DEMANDS IN HUNGARY

Bid For "Balkan Federation"

Budapest, June 17. The Political Committee of the Smallholders Party announced today that it had requested the "voluntary resignations" of five Smallholder deputies.

A member of the Committee said more such resignations would be expected shortly.

Newspapermen Released In Canton

Canton, June 18. Chen Fan, correspondent for the "Ta Kung Pao," has been released by the Peace Preservation Corps after 16 days' detention following the student demonstrations here May 31.

The Kwangtung Provincial News Service said that Chen Fan was charged with disclosing certain important military information.

Japanese Purge Denial

Tokyo, June 18. State Minister and Chief Cabinet Secretary Suetoshi Nishio today denied Japanese reports saying that three ministers of the Katsuyama Cabinet were expected to fall under the impending purge of "undesirables" who allegedly supported Japan's aggressive policies.

Nishio's denial came as some Japanese sources said between 50,000 and 60,000 "potential purge suspects" will be arrested after inquiry is completed into leaders in the press, radio, stage and screen.

The Japanese reports mentioned Foreign Minister Shiroshi Asahida, Education Minister Taro Morito and Agriculture and Forestry Minister Fikizo Hirano as possible purges.

Nishio told United Press that the "proper authorities have carefully screened the three ministers in question and cleared them. The report that they may be purged is not correct."—United Press.

JAP. EXPORTS CONTROL

Tokyo, June 17. In order to ensure that when foreign trade reopens Japanese products will be of high standard quality, the Japanese Government is considering introducing a bill in the Diet calling for a strict inspection system for all exports.

The bill, which will probably be entitled, "Control of Major Exports Law," will also serve to develop the suitable sources of raw material.—Reuter.

Tokyo, June 18. Mr. Vernon Bartlett, British author and Member of Parliament, arrived in Tokyo today on a ten day visit in the course of a world tour, which he is making on behalf of the London News Chronicle.—Reuter.

"JANE"



Budapest, June 17. The Political Committee of the Smallholders Party announced today that it had requested the "voluntary resignations" of five Smallholder deputies.

A member of the Committee said more such resignations would be expected shortly.

A request for "voluntary resignation" automatically deprives a deputy of Party membership.

The Hungarian National Assembly, which recessed abruptly on June 12 after the Freedom Party leader, Dezso Szekely, had attacked both the Leftist and Smallholder policies in a speech, will convene tomorrow to discuss ratification of the Hungarian peace treaty.

Still on the Assembly calendar are speeches by spokesmen for other opposition and splinter parties, answering the programme speech made by Premier Lajos Dimyos on June 10. However, political circles indicate that these replies will be sidetracked if ratification legislation is ready for presentation.

The Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee met yesterday and today to consider the treaty bill amid reports in political circles that Russian ratification will be delayed until, firstly, Hungary's economic and political situation is more "stabilized"; secondly, an alliance, including mutual military aid, has been concluded; and, thirdly, a Balkan Federation has been formed, for which talks are reported under way in Belgrade.

A Foreign Office source announced that Dimyos would visit Bucharest in the near future.

One more Hungarian diplomatic representative abroad, Count Rost-Faragacs in Prague, has left his post and will not return to Hungary.

Informed quarters said Ladislav Toth, special Hungarian envoy to the Vatican, has returned to Budapest after reporting the failure of negotiations to renew relations with the Holy See. (Unofficial reports from the Vatican said the time was "not considered propitious" for an exchange of accredited representatives.)

Bank Shares. Political circles report an agreement between the Hungarian and Russian governments on the ownership of the Hungarian Credit Bank, with Russia retaining 35 per cent of outstanding shares. The remainder of the shares will be privately held until the nationalization law is approved. Before the war most of the Bank's shares belonged to the French branch of the Rothschild family and were taken over by the Germans when France fell.

Russia claimed ownership of the Bank on the basis of the Potsdam accord on former German property in Hungary.—United Press.

CHINESE CAUGHT IN JAPAN

Tokyo, June 18. Two Chinese, Chung Yu-lin and Chen Chao-nan, were sentenced by the Provost Marshal's court today to a 25,000 yen fine each and deportation, on charges of illegal entry into Japan by pretending to be Japanese repatriates.

They were also accused of smuggling into Japan 50,000 lighter flints.—United Press.

Wellington, June 18. The erection of a small very low energy atomic pile in New Zealand will have to be considered in the near future, said the Reverend A. H. Nordmeyer, Minister of Scientific and Industrial Research today.—Reuter.

Canberra, June 18. Australia has claimed the 10,000 ton factory ship "Ishi Maru" and 12 whale catching vessels as reparations from Japan.—Reuter.

IN TURN

London, June 17. The Ministry of Works announced today that an application from King George VI for a permit to obtain concrete ingredients for building at Buckingham Palace would "have to take its turn with other non-priority applications."

A Ministry official said the King "would rank with John Citizen in his application for supplies."—United Press.

Attlee And The Women

London, June 18. The British Prime Minister, C. R. Attlee, told a meeting of Labour Party women on Tuesday night that he was "convinced" that the government could count on continued support from them despite continued food queues and shortage of fuel and housing.

In a message read by Mrs. Attlee, the Prime Minister declared that the government "is showing by its actions that it recognises as the supreme foundation of the national life the home life of the people."

"I know what loyal support we have had from you in the past and I am confident that we can count on it in the future for this government, your government," Attlee's message said.—Associated Press.

'Harmful And Disastrous'

Batavia, June 18. The Indonesian Republic was "unable and unwilling" to cooperate in an integral implementation of the Lingardjati agreement, stated Dr. Jan Schouten, Parliamentary leader of the Dutch Calvinists, addressing a meeting here last night.

The Calvinists and Christian Historicals therefore thought that a continuation of the discussion would only be "harmful and disastrous," he added.

According to Dr. Schouten, the Republic—carried forward by "revolutionary ideas"—saw Lingardjati as an obstacle and this made the Republic ineligible to cooperate in its implementation.

"The Government should now proceed to do—by virtue of its sovereignty—what it does not seem to be able to do in cooperation with the Republic," he added.—Reuter.

VULNERABILITY OF SINGAPORE

Tokyo, June 18. A former German military attaché to Japan admitted before the International Military Tribunal today that Japan attacked Singapore in a manner suggested by a strategic study submitted to the German Foreign Office by the German Embassy in Tokyo, but denied the Japanese used the German plan in any way.

Alfred F. Kretschmer, white-haired former German army colonel, said under cross-examination that "every well-educated soldier would have come to the same conclusion as the Japanese"—that Singapore was vulnerable from the north.

A questioner witness who had had to be cautioned by the Tribunal to confine his answer to questions asked, Kretschmer denied that the German Embassy in Tokyo received information from agents in China, notably the Erhardt Bureau, regarding Japanese strength in China.

He said he was surprised when the Russo-German war broke out, also when Japan attacked Pearl Harbour.

Earlier, the defence successfully introduced two documents from the Nuremberg trial in which Admiral Rueder, said that Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka was deliberately misled by Adolf Hitler in re-

Wallace's Third Party Plans

Washington, June 17. Democratic prospects for 1948 were darkly shadowed today by Henry A. Wallace's call for a third party protest movement against President Truman's foreign policy.

He said President Truman must change—or else.

The former Vice President spoke last night at the government-owned Watergate amphitheatre just beyond the White House grounds.

He said: "If both parties insist on pursuing the present suicidal course toward war and depression, there will be a new third party even if it has no chance of election success in 1948."

If Wallace means it, President Truman will find his 1948 presidential campaign under fire of a Leftwing Kamikaze, who expect to "see while doing what damage they can." This could be considerable.

The first major step in such a third party movement would be a halt of Wallace's sympathizers from next year's Democratic national convention. The halt would be time for third party purposes, at the moment when the convention sought to adopt a platform endorsing the Administration foreign policy.

Earlier, Wallace told a national youth audience that the election laws of the states were calculated to keep a third party from the presidency. But he said he would not be discouraged.

Wallace's speech last night was the wind up of a 60-day campaign through five European nations and every section of the United States—a great one-man show which has politicians guessing a bit.

Both Republicans and Democrats are attempting to guess how much Wallace can hurt the Democratic candidates locally and nationally next year—and whether he can keep up his recent pace.

There was standing room only again last night. Any politician who can pack them in on a paid admission basis and induce fat collections too has the interest if not necessarily the admiration of other politicians.

Wallace indicated that he would be happy to lead a rebellion within the Democratic Party if the rank and file would rally to arms.—United Press.

Arakan Paralyzed

Rangoon, June 17. Fresh reinforcements have been sent to the Arakans, in South-West Burma, to help the combined military and police forces who have been operating against the insurgents for nearly two months, Burmese newspapers reported today.

Official quarters in Rangoon say the operations are satisfactory though the position is still confused.

According to Arakanese representatives to the Constituent Assembly, who have just arrived here, the entire province is virtually cut off from the rest of Burma while internal communications are totally paralyzed. They were only able to come to Rangoon after the Government sent a special plane to pick them up at Akyab.

They confirmed earlier reports that the Arakan administration and the entire life of the province were dislocated by the uprising, which they said was largely inspired by the Communists.—Reuter.

Wallace Assents

Washington, June 17. Mr. Henry Wallace has agreed to testify for the defence in the contempt of Congress trial of 16 members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, an alleged Communist front organization.

John Rogge, chief defence counsel, fought for a Court ruling which might block or seriously hamper the prosecution on the second count—conspiracy to commit contempt of Congress.

Mr. Wallace will be called after the defence opens its case, probably on Thursday.

The trial, resulted from the failure of the defendants—who include Howard Fast, novelist, and Dr. Edward Barsky, New York surgeon—to turn over requested organization files to a House Committee.—United Press.

Right Use Of Liberty

Vatican City, June 17. Pope Pius today advised the Marian Congress, opening in Manila tomorrow, to concentrate on liberty and greater understanding in the use of it.

In an 800-word Latin letter to the Legate at the Congress, James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, the Pope asked:

"What is there in our times more necessary and desirable than liberty and the right use of it for the glory of God and the profession and defence of the true faith?"

Liberty must "be circumscribed by certain limits." "Liberty rightly conceived does not give ruthless power to dare everything. Liberty is not unpunished evil in error and crime. Truth is the mother of liberty, but Christ is truth and Christ was brought into this world through suffering, therefore true liberty starts with Mary."

The Pope called on all Christians "in the name of the divine mother and strengthened by her aid" to fight for truth and defend its dignity "before those who crush and adulterate it."—United Press.

OBITUARY

Turin, June 18. Carlos Brebbia, well-known Argentine diplomat, died here yesterday at the age of 69.

Brebbia had been Argentine Minister of Austria, Hungary, Turkey and Switzerland. While in Bern, he was appointed Argentine Ambassador to the Holy See but before he left for his new post he was named Ambassador to Italy.

In August, 1946, Brebbia retired from his ambassadorial post because of poor health and went to Switzerland for a period of rest. He returned to Turin, the birthplace of his parents, and suffered a relapse.—United Press.

Italian Political Turmoil

Rome, June 17. The Italian President, Signor Enrico de Nicola, today threw the Italian political scene into turmoil by announcing his definite intention to resign.

He told the Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, of his intention after signing the decree prolonging the Constituent Assembly until December 31.

Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear on the President to remain in office. President de Nicola is understood to be suffering from nervous fatigue and wishes to return to his native Naples to rest. Signor de Gasperi told him he could have whatever holiday he likes provided he remain in his post until the life of the Constituent Assembly ends.—Reuter.

Stratemeyer In London

London, June 17. Lieutenant General George E. Stratemeyer, commanding general of the United States Army Air Force Air Defence Command, arrived at Northolt Airport today in a Flying Fortress from Newfoundland.

The general, who will visit RAF stations during his 10-day visit, was formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command.

At the airport to meet him were high-ranking staff officers, including Colonel Jack Ackerman, United States Assistant Military Attaché in London, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Norman Rottondey, Inspector-General of the Royal Air Force.

General Stratemeyer hopes to meet many old friends and acquaintances from the Burma campaign. If possible, he will attend a reunion dinner tomorrow (Wednesday) of No. 224 Squadron which operated under him in Burma.—Reuter.

Congress And Hyderabad

Hyderabad, June 18. The Hyderabad State Congress after considering the Nizam's "independence" edict, today declared that it would "resist all attempts to isolate Hyderabad from the rest of India."

The Congress gave its Working Committee plenary powers to "take all the necessary steps" to achieve its objective.

The Nizam of Hyderabad last week issued an edict declaring that when the British paramountcy lapsed, he would be entitled "to resume the status of an independent power" and stated that Hyderabad would not join either the Hindustan or Pakistan constituent assemblies.

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar, Premier of Travancore State, has announced that Travancore will be declared independent on August 15 when the British hand over its power in India.—Reuter.

Gilt-Edged Recover

London, June 17. The redeeming feature of today's markets was the fairly substantial recovery in gilt-edged stocks both old Consols and Treasury 2-1/2% being in the lead with half a point gains. This firmness brought about some change of face in other domestic stocks, which although still showed little more than surface dullness.

Kaffirs were lowered on attempted Cape sales but steadied in final dealings. Other mining sections also were on the heavy side.

Commodity shares were quiet with tea harder but jute lower. Oil were dull throughout mainly owing to the lack of interest. There was little change in foreign rails but foreign bonds closed dull.—Reuter.

AIR RECORD

Honolulu, June 18. A new commercial speed record of seven hours and 40 minutes for the westward flight from San Francisco to the Hawaiian Islands was established yesterday by a United Airlines DC-6, piloted by Captain Harry Huking.

The previous record was eight hours and 15 minutes, also by a United Airlines plane.—United Press.

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Saigon, June 17. The prospects of repatriating 2,000 French and 100 Indian civilians held by the Viet Nam, will be discussed at a conference near Hanoi over the weekend, it was authoritatively learned here today.

Hoang Minh Giam, the Viet Nam Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Tonhatung, the head of the Viet Nam Red Cross, Dr. Pierre Desceudres, the chief delegate of the International Red Cross in Indo-China, Mr. Trevor Wilson, the British Consul in Hanoi, and Rehek Mehta, the Indian Consul in Saigon, will attend the conference. Discussions lasting four or five days will be held on a boat in the river.—Reuter.

BANISHMENT LAWS IN MALAYA

Singapore, June 18. A representative of the Malayan Government today answered the criticisms voiced in the United Nations International Conference on human rights, meeting in London on Monday, that Malaya was among the states where the banishment of individuals from their homelands was legal.

The Malayan Government had power under the Banishment Ordinance to banish only aliens, the official said, and the ordinance did not apply to British subjects, including Straits-born Chinese.—Reuter.

Paris, June 17. The French Council of the Republic today voted unanimously to ratify the Italian peace treaty.—United Press.



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 permits will be issued by the
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 the Hong Kong (British Mil-
 itary Administration) Gazette
 Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March,
 1946.

A. E. R. DE SOUSA,
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Hong Kong, 17th June, 1947.

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 ply Depot Shamshuipo between the hours of 10 a.m.—
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4. Application to view will be received at, and necessary
 passes and tender forms obtained from H.Q. R.A.S.C.,
 Queen's Road, Hong Kong, daily between the hours of 9 a.m.
 and 11 a.m. up to Thursday June 19th.

5. Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. June 23 and must be
 deposited at H.Q. R.A.S.C., Queen's Road, Hong Kong, in
 sealed packets and marked "TENDER FOR R.A.S.C. SUP-
 PLIES" before that time and date.

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S. P. PERRY

Lieutenant-Colonel,
 Commander, Royal Army Service Corps,
 Land Forces,
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 employ all its men on essential work, it will not be possible for
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 vious years. Subscribers are therefore requested to call at the
 Company's Offices, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central,
 on the days set out below to collect their Directories. The
 Directories will only be issued on production of the Com-
 pany's official receipt for the current quarter's rentals and on
 production of the old Directory.

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 tory on that day he should not apply again until the distribu-
 tion is completed, i.e. until Monday 30th June.

S. GROVE,
 SECRETARY.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that
 the Twenty-first Ordinary Gen-
 eral Meeting of the Sharehold-
 ers of the above Company will
 be held in the offices of the
 Secretaries and Accountants,
 Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell
 & Co., 1st Floor, Exchange
 Building, Des Voeux Road,
 Hong Kong, on Thursday, 3rd
 July, 1947, at noon, for the pur-
 pose of receiving the Company's
 Accounts for the ten months
 ended 28th February, 1947, and
 the Directors' and Auditors'
 Reports thereon, to sanction the
 payment of dividends, to re-
 elect a Director and to appoint
 Auditors.

The Share Transfer Books of
 the Company will be closed
 from 23rd June, 1947, to 3rd
 July, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
 Directors.

A. W. BROWN
 General Manager.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that
 the Forty-seventh Ordinary
 Meeting of the Sharehold-
 ers of the Company will be
 held at the Company's Office,
 Windsor House, Mezzanine
 Floor, on Thursday 26th June,
 1947, at 11 a.m. for the pur-
 pose of receiving the Report of
 the Directors together with
 Statement of Accounts for the
 year ended 31st December,
 1946, to sanction the declara-
 tion of a Dividend and Bonus
 and to re-elect Directors and
 Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
 Company will be closed from
 12th to 20th June, 1947, both
 days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
 Directors.

J. D. THOMSON
 Manager.

Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1947.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
 GIVEN that an INTERIM
 DIVIDEND, in respect of the
 year 1947, of \$1.70 per share
 (subject to deduction of 10%
 Corporation Profits Tax) has
 been declared payable on and
 after JULY 15th, 1947.

Applications for Dividend
 Warrants should be made either
 personally or by letter to the
 Registered Office of the Com-
 pany, P. & O. Building, 4th
 floor.

The Register of Transfers of
 the Company will be closed from
 23rd June to 7th July 1947, both
 days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
 LTD.,
 Agents.

Hong Kong, 5th June 1947.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that
 the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Year-
 ly Meeting of Shareholders will
 be held at the Offices of the
 Company, Chung Tin Building,
 First Floor, 6, Des Voeux Road
 Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on
 Saturday, 28th June, 1947, at
 Noon, for the purpose of con-
 firming the appointment of the
 Board of Directors and receiv-
 ing their Report and Statements
 of Accounts for the year ended
 31st December, 1946, for the
 period 1st January, 1942 to 31st
 December, 1946, and to trans-
 act the ordinary business of
 the Company.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of
 the Company will be closed from
 Friday, 20th June, 1947 until
 Saturday, 28th June, 1947, both
 days inclusive.

By Order of the
 Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
 LTD.,
 General Managers.

Hong Kong, 12th June, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

Notice Of Unclaimed Wrecks

The following unclaimed
 wrecks are now lying in
 Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter and
 will be disposed of if not claim-
 ed before the 30th June, 1947.

54 D	Steel Oil Lighter	31'
	Length	12'4"
	Breadth	4'5"
67 F	Steel Lighter	49'
	Length	11'
	Breadth	5'
69 F	Steel Lighter	49'
	Length	11'
	Breadth	5'
78 D	Steel Lighter	49'
	Length	11'
	Breadth	5'
83 D	Steel Lighter	49'
	Length	11'
	Breadth	5'

Permission to view the wrecks
 should be obtained from the
 Superintendent Engineer
 Yau-mai Shipway.

Telephone Number 58950.

J. JOLLY,
 Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
 Hong Kong, 16th June, 1947.

NOTICE

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

It is proposed to revive the
 Hong Kong Branch of the Trinity
 College, Dublin, Graduates
 Association, and all T. C. D.
 Graduates and Undergraduates,
 who are at present in the Colony,
 are asked to send their names
 and addresses to the under-
 signed.

It is hoped that it will be
 possible to hold some social
 function in the future.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 21 of 1947

Hong Kong Harbour.

Amendment to N. to M. No. 19.

No. 5 Naval Moorings.

The corrected positions and Class of No. 5 Mooring
 is as follows:-

No. 5 First Class—150 degrees Kowloon Clock Tower
 577 cables.

Authority:—Naval Authorities, Hong Kong.

Charts affected:—S.1.40318, 3270, 3280.

J. JOLLY,
 Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
 Hong Kong, 16th June, 1947.

CALL FOR COOPERATION Police Commissioner Appeals For Public Aid

Warrant For Owner's Arrest

A warrant for the arrest of the
 landlady of 178 Des Voeux Road,
 West, second floor, was issued
 from the Bench by Mr. d'Almada
 at Central yesterday when she
 failed to appear in answer to a
 summons for overcharging the
 principal tenant of the flat. She
 is Chan Kiu-kui, residing at 128
 Wing Lok Street.

She is alleged to have charged
 Ho Li-wah, woman principal
 tenant, \$104 rent per month,
 instead of the prewar rent of \$70.
 Just prior to the promulgation of
 the new Landlord and Tenant
 Ordinance.

The principal tenant was sum-
 moned for failing to affix in the
 house a declaration of the rent
 payable by her to the landlady,
 for failing to serve on a sub-
 tenant, Wong So, a notice specifi-
 cing the rent payable by him to
 her, and for receiving between
 March 15 and April 15 from Wong
 \$50 as rent, which was more than
 20 per cent in excess of the rent
 chargeable by her.

Found guilty on all three sum-
 monses, the principal tenant was
 fined \$350 or six months hard
 labour.

Prosecuting, Sub-Inspector De-
 war said the principal tenant
 made a net profit of \$100 from
 her nine sub-tenants, in addition
 to occupying for herself one cubi-
 cle and three bed spaces on the
 floor free of rent.

At the time of making enquiries
 at the flat, SI Dewar said, the rent
 payable by Ho to the landlady
 was \$80 a month but she col-
 lected altogether \$100 from her
 sub-tenants.

In the course of investigation,
 the police officer added, Ho
 showed him a letter sent to her
 by the landlady, informing her
 that the rent would be increased
 to \$104 a month. As a result, SI
 Dewar concluded, a summons
 was issued against the landlady
 for overcharging the principal
 tenant.

Sheer Accident!

Four coolies were each given
 six weeks' hard labour by Mr.
 W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yester-
 day when their plea that half a
 ton of coal "accidentally" found
 its way into their buckets was
 disbelieved.

According to DSI R. MacKenzie
 the accused were seen on board
 the s/s "Pronto" by the Chief
 Officer at about 9.30 a.m. on June
 16 in the act of unloading baskets
 of coal into a sampan.

On seeing the Chief Officer,
 Kwong Lam and Ho Yee clam-
 bled over the side of the ship
 into the sampan on which were
 Tsai Chi-kong and Tsang On. The
 craft began to move off but was
 chased by Mr. Blinkinsop in a
 launch.

The defendants pleaded that
 they went on board to sweep up
 the cinders and that the coal ac-
 cidentally found its way into their
 buckets.

The prosecuting officer pointed
 out to His Worship that the ship
 had been in harbour for several
 days and that there were no
 cinders on board.

WITHDRAWN

Chan Yuk-fong, 21 married
 woman, and Yu Shu-king, amah,
 appeared on remand before Mr.
 Latimer at Kowloon yesterday
 charged with receiving a National
 City Bank cheque for \$2,000
 stolen by Yeung Kwok-wah from
 the person of Choy Sal-chop on
 June 14.

On the application of DSI V.J.
 MacKenzie the charge was with-
 drawn, and they were discharged.

Reduction In Crimes Of Violence

A strong plea for public co-operation was made by
 Police Commissioner D. W. McIntosh in an
 interview with the Press yesterday afternoon.
 Suggestions by members of the public are always
 welcome, he said, and people may call on him
 personally or write, either in English or
 Chinese.

Cases of threats or extortion,
 complaints and grievances,
 should be reported, and he gave
 assurance that appropriate ac-
 tion would be taken.

Mr. McIntosh was able to re-
 port a marked decline in the
 incidence of crimes of violence
 in recent months. Whereas be-
 fore April, the average was
 about 38 to 40 a month, the
 number fell to 17 in April and
 25 in May. The Police more
 and more have the situation
 under control, and the Commis-
 sioner is hopeful the future
 will show further improvement.

Most of the desperadoes
 caught are from "over the bar-
 der," though some local pro-
 duces are among the "bad eggs."

On the question of the issue
 of arms licences, the Police
 Commissioner said it was not
 the policy of his Department to
 issue more of these licences as
 it was felt that the risk of their
 being lost or stolen was far
 greater than the need for the
 possession of arms by individ-
 uals. The number of licences
 already issued is 387 of which
 42 are for revolvers, 30 for pi-
 stols, 79 for sporting guns, 190
 for shot-guns and 9 for air
 guns. There is no restriction
 on the issue of sporting gun
 licences.

Mr. McIntosh agreed that
 there must be still an indetermi-
 nate number of arms about in
 the Colony, which was, however,
 only to be expected after the
 enemy occupation. He revealed
 that for the year ending March
 31, 1947, arms seized as a re-
 sult of criminal prosecutions
 included nine machine guns, 28
 hand grenades, 240 revolvers, 91
 pistols, 12 rifles and 23 swords
 and daggers &c.

The possibility of arms being
 smuggled into the Colony he
 discounted as traffickers can
 generally get a better price for
 a weapon in China than in Hong
 Kong.

In reply to a question from
 a representative of a French
 News Agency who quoted a re-
 port from Paris that arms of
 British and American make
 were being smuggled into
 French Indo-China not from the
 Philippines or China, but from
 Hong Kong, Police Commis-
 sioner McIntosh said he had no
 evidence of this, and said in any
 case as far as he knew, such a
 possibility was very remote.

In reply to another question,
 the Police Commissioner said
 that one or two new patrol cars
 were arriving from England
 monthly, and that these were
 being put on the road to re-
 place old vehicles.

Mr. McIntosh repeated the
 official denial of the recruitment
 of Indian personnel in India
 for the Hong Kong Police. Some
 of the prewar Indian Police
 may come back, he said, but
 how many will return will not
 be known for another month or
 two.

Traffic Problems

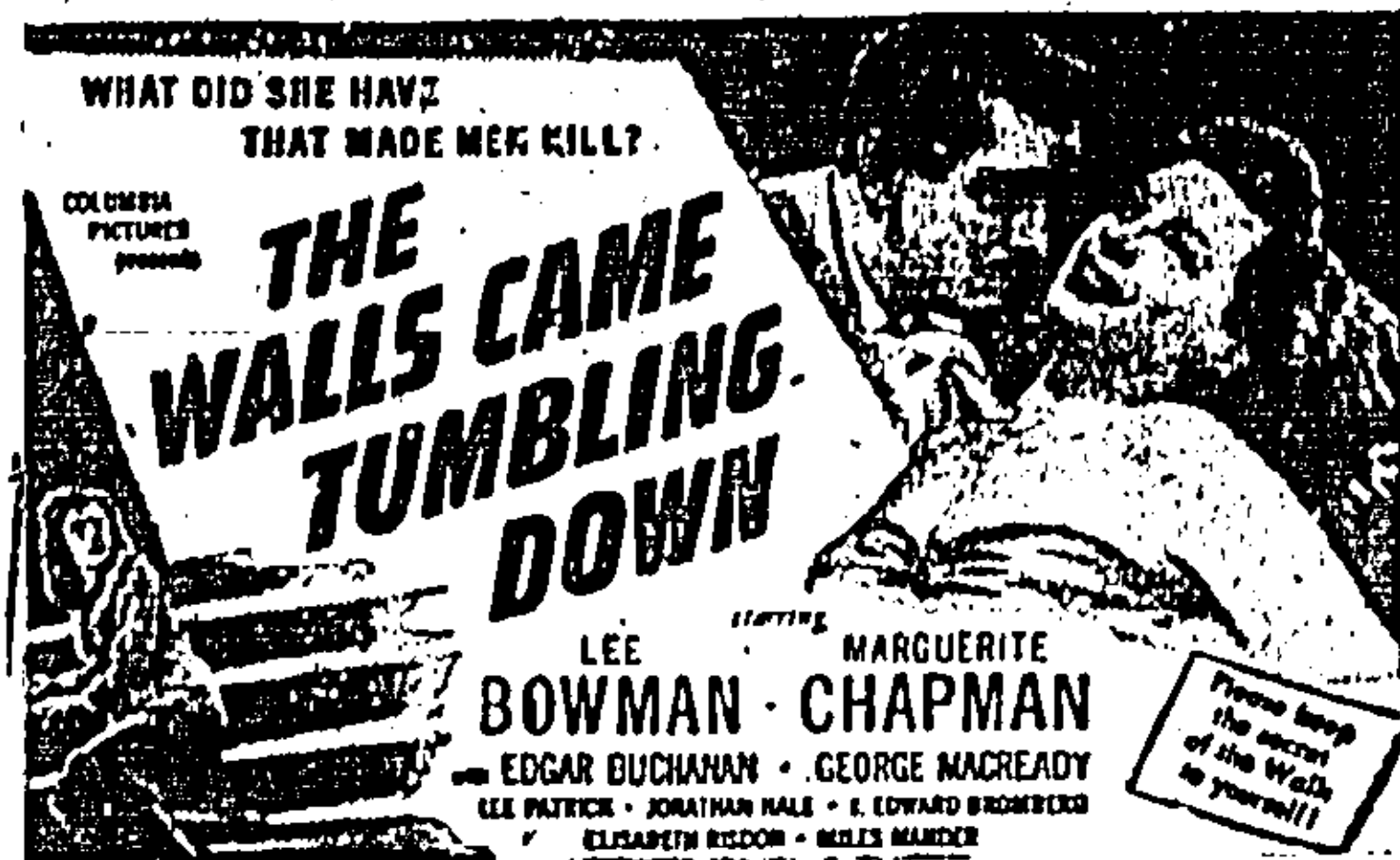
The Police Commissioner was
 pitted with questions on the
 Colony's traffic problems. He
 said that recommendations in
 this connection would soon be
 submitted to Government for
 consideration and necessary
 legislation. Until then it was
 not possible to give details.

He admitted the desirability
 of a highway code to be handed
 to every driver upon his being
 issued with a licence. Such a
 code was being translated and
 printed in Chinese, he said, and
 it is hoped, will be issued at an
 early date.

There is no regulation con-
 trolling jay-walking at present
 and this aspect of traffic con-
 trol will be included in the

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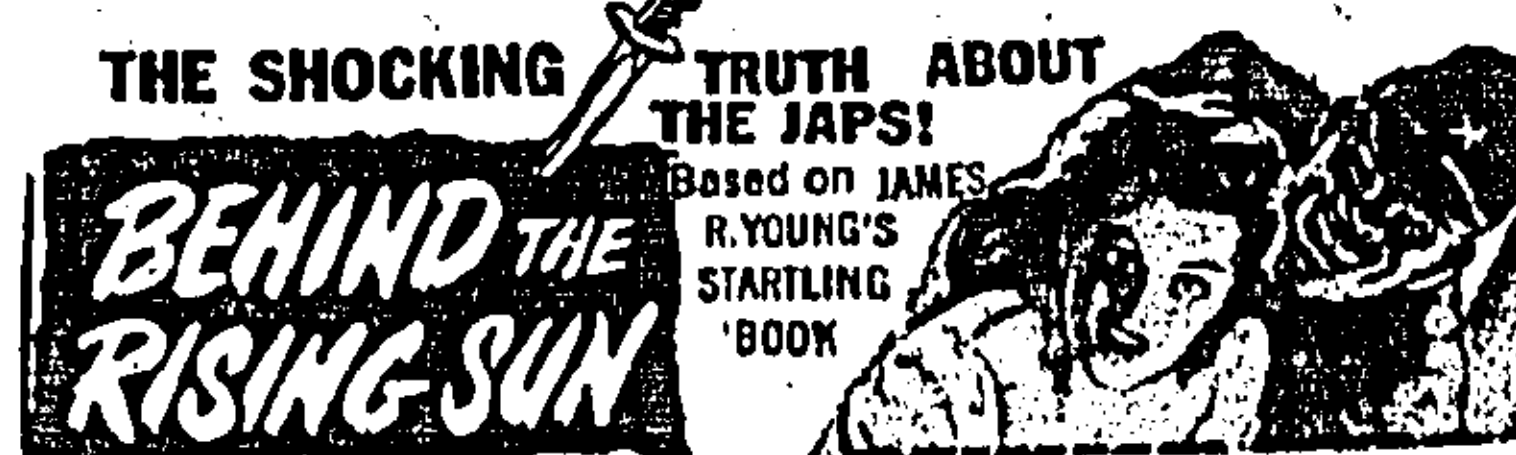
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EGYPT LODGES COMPLAINT Premier To Head Delegation To United Nations

Britain To Stand Pat On Position

Cairo, June 17. The Egyptian Government today formally sent its petition to the Security Council, asking the Nations to examine the Anglo-Egyptian dispute about the 1936 treaty, the Minister of Commerce, Mamdouh Riaz Bey, announced here.

The Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, will head the Egyptian delegation to the Council and is expected to leave for New York by air before the end of the month, Riaz Bey added.

The note was sent through the Egyptian Embassy in Washington.

When the Egyptian Cabinet broke off negotiations for revision of the treaty last January, the Premier announced that the petition to the Security Council would ask for:

1. Evacuation of British troops from the Nile valley.
2. Evacuation of the Sudan.
3. "Unity of the Nile valley".

Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British representative on the Security Council, has already been fully briefed on the British standpoint in the dispute with Egypt, a Foreign Office spokesman stated in London this evening.

Britain remained convinced of the justice of this standpoint and it is her intention to contest any Egyptian suggestion that because the attempt to revise the treaty failed it has lost its validity, the spokesman added.

It is felt in Whitehall that the United Nations should give due consideration to the fact that the Anglo-Egyptian treaty revision negotiations broke down because Britain felt obliged to safeguard the rights of the Sudanese people and not over Cairo's request for total evacuation of the British forces, which was agreed to by London.

British View

The British view also remains that Britain's agreement to attempt revision in 1946 was an act of grace and that since negotiations broke down the original treaty remains valid.

The formal Egyptian decision to approach the Security Council had been generally expected in well-informed quarters in London, where, despite the long delay since the talks were broken off, no credence had been given to the state of rumours from Cairo that a further attempt would yet be made to negotiate directly with Britain.

Though Whitehall would have welcomed such a move, it was

Washington, June 17. Statement officials in interviews with the United Press today confirmed that the United States has asked the French to take steps to end the Indo-Chinese stalemate, which Americans believe is contributing greatly to Asiatic instability.

Lengthy instructions went to the American Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, "several weeks ago" and he had taken the matter up orally with French officials.

They decline, for the present, to say whether any assurances have been received from the French.—United Press.

OPIUM SEIZURE

San Francisco, 18. More than three pounds of smoking opium was discovered on board the freighter China Bear, en route on Tuesday for the Orient.

Captain McBride radioed that after a search, 52 ounces of opium were discovered in the ship's refrigerator. Eight pounds of opium and \$6,400 in gold was found hidden on board the ship here last week.

McBride was asked by the Far East Lines and the Customs Service to continue a search of the ship after it sailed.—Associated Press.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Spare a Dime?

BY EDGAR MARTIN

THIS WILL BE SHORT BUT SWEET, BOO!

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BUS STOP

Cambridge Man's Tragic Death

Cambridge, June 17. The coroner, W. R. Wallis, today ordered a post-mortem on Dr. Douglas Edward Lea, 37-year-old radio biology researcher, who fell nearly 70 feet to his death from a sixth-storey window of Cambridge University Library yesterday. Friends believe Lea fell accidentally, possibly while trying to open the window of the sixth floor room in which he had been working on his research notes.

They said the post-mortem also might show that he had suffered a sudden heart seizure or other shock.

They ruled out any suggestion of suicide. They said he was devoted to his wife and two young daughters, had been planning to leave for a month's vacation at Guernsey tomorrow, and was also scheduled to go to New York to continue his research in autumn.

Dr. Lea went to the Library yesterday morning to return some books. He then went to a sixth floor room to work. No one saw him fall, but he was found, unconscious and with a broken neck beneath the open window in the gravel courtyard behind the Library, by the Library cafeteria manager. He died before medical help could reach him.

Research on Atom
A native of Liverpool, Lea was elected a Fellow of Trinity College in 1935 at the age of 26 after receiving his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

Specializing in mathematics and natural science, he did research work with Dr. Sir James Chadwick between 1928 and 1934 on splitting the atom. Lea gave up his Fellowship a few months ago and became a University reader in radio-

Italy To Pay Indemnity

Shanghai, June 18. The Chinese morning paper, "Sin Wan Pao," today claimed that it has learned reliably that Italy has agreed to pay China reparations amounting to 100,000,000 lire plus US\$20,000.

It said the agreement was reached in negotiations by the Chinese Ambassador to Rome, Yu Ching-chieh, with the Italian Foreign Minister.

These reparations are earmarked to pay war losses sustained by Chinese nationals in Italy and to repay the Chinese Government for relief funds given to Chinese Nationals.—United Press.

IDENTIC NOTES

Washington, June 17. Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg diplomats told the United Press that identical notes will be presented to the State Department tomorrow, enthusiastically endorsing the Marshall plan for Europe and assuring the Department of their countries' complete cooperation.—United Press.

ITALY'S NEED

New York, June 18. Italy needs US\$2,000,000,000 in credits and materials in the next four years to stabilize its postwar economy and believes the "very harsh terms" of the peace treaty will be revised, according to the leader of its Socialist Party.

Gluseppe Saragat, leader of the party of Italian workers formed last January in opposition to the Communists in the labour movement, said on his arrival in

Cairo Call For Jihad

Cairo, June 17. A mass meeting of 15,000 Moslems today roared for a holy war as speakers urged them to prepare for bloodshed in defence of Palestine, North Africa and Arab causes "threatened by foreign domination."

Thousands of North Africans, Arabs, Sudanese, Bedouins, Indonesians and Moslems shouted in unison: "Our future is Jihad." Speakers from North Africa and Morocco made their first appearance with leaders of Middle Eastern Arab countries at a meeting at the Moslem Brotherhood headquarters.

Speakers, interrupted constantly by shouts of "Allah Akbar," emphasized the Palestine question as the foremost Arab problem, but said other Moslem problems should not be overlooked.—United Press.

Big Deals By Clerk Alleged

Berlin, June 17. Army Headquarters disclosed today that it had charged George F. Trips, 24-year-old Military Government clerk, with illegally participating in a US\$8,000,000 transaction involving a Czechoslovakian firm and the British Government.

A former filling station attendant, from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Trips was accused of having taken part in a series of deals in which a Prague company sold 400,000 tons of potatoes to the British Control Commissions for Germany and Austria.

He was also accused of illegally buying three automobiles and of illegal possession of firearms.

The formal charges said the youthful redhead did "wrongfully and unlawfully use his position with the Army of the United States to engage in a business dealing not directly connected with his duties."

Photostatic copies of correspondence showed that between July 23 1946 and January 24 1947 a total of \$19,478 was deposited in Trips' name in London, then transferred to a New York joint account in the names of George F. Trips and Anna Moudry, identified as Trips' aunt.

The clerk's salary in the Military Government's Decentralization Branch was US\$276 per month.—United Press.

Burma Declares For Independence

Rangoon, June 17. The Burmese Constituent Assembly today unanimously adopted the "independence resolution" moved by U. Aung San yesterday.

The resolution was supported by representatives of all parties as well as the frontier areas. The Communist member, Thakin Than Pe, endorsing the resolution, said that the Anti-Fascist Freedom League and other parties would do well to "go ahead with preparations for the struggle for freedom on different lines as well," as he doubted the British sincerity in the pledge to transfer power.

The resolution, which embodies the fundamentals of the draft constitution adopted by the Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League convention last month, says that the constitution, to be framed by the Assembly, "shall be that of an independent sovereign republic to be known as the 'Union of Burma'."

A Burmese delegation, headed by Thakin Nu, the President of the Constituent Assembly, will leave for London before the weekend to discuss with the British Government political developments in Burma since the London Agreement last January.

The delegation will include U Kyaw Nyin, Home Member of the Interim Government, and three other leaders of the Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League.—Reuters.

U.S. NAVY MAN
ACQUITTED
Washington, June 17. Lt-Comdr. Edward Little has been acquitted by a Navy general court of the charges growing from the alleged mistreatment of United States naval and marine personnel in a Japanese prison camp.

Little was mess officer in the prison camp and a short time before the liberation was company commander.

Acquittal came on the 98th day of the hearing on three specific charges: conduct unbecoming an officer, conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline and mistreatment of prisoners, subject to his orders.—United Press.

New York that Italy needed US\$500,000,000 at once.—United Press.

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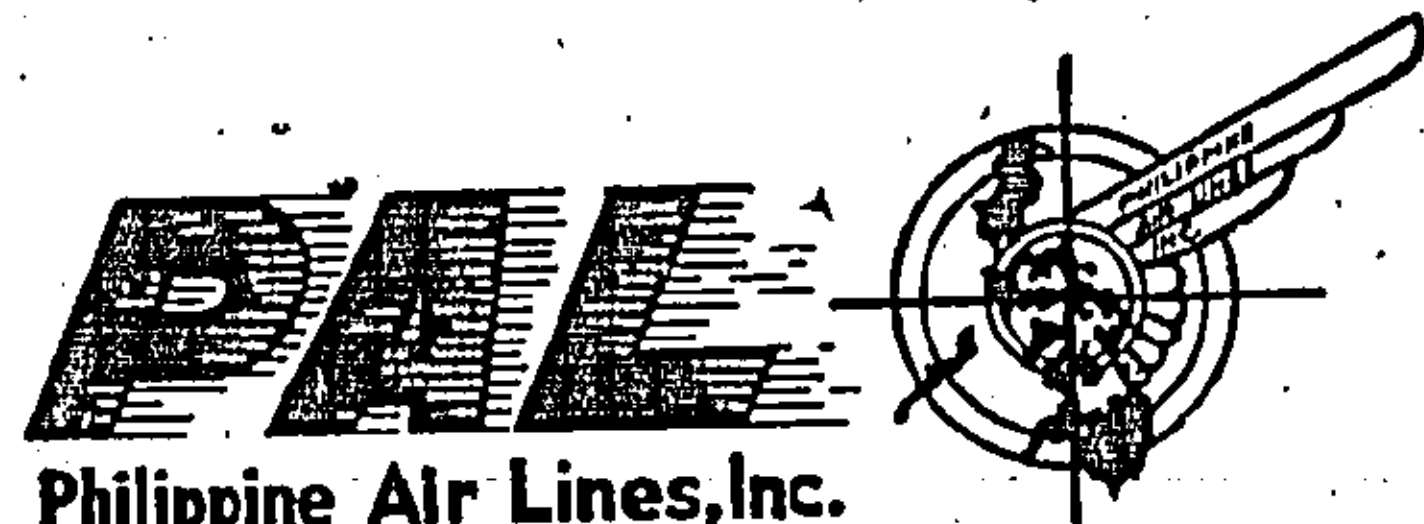
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THE MARSHALL PLAN

Nothing is immediately to be expected of the visit of Mr. Bevin to Paris in connection with the United States offer of aid to a Europe which is prepared to help itself. Many big issues must be decided and protracted negotiations brought to a conclusion before an over-all plan for Europe's economic restoration can be presented. Of the importance and generosity of the offer, however, there can be mistake, and Mr. Bevin's initiative in endeavouring to prepare the ground will be appreciated both in Britain and the United States. In effect, the Marshall Plan is a challenge to Europe, to European statesmanship, as well as an opportunity for America to lead the way in restoring world equilibrium. The proposal, broadly put, is that the United States should underwrite some joint plan of European reconstruction. There is some fear, perhaps, that the suggestion is no more than an endeavour to start America on a new line of thought, and one that the mass of the American public may be reluctant to adopt, but it is politically shrewd and farseeing. It affords the plainest evidence that the American authorities are determined that their people shall not sink back into isolation, a mood that is at times encouraged by the small visible results of the piecemeal assistance hitherto given to distressed European nations. The response that the United States may give is made to depend upon some joint plan for Continental recovery evolved "by a number of European nations, if not by all." If that were forthcoming America, it is indicated, might be induced to provide the flow of dollars without which Europe will go hungry.

In this new approach to the problems that beset the European nations the line chosen is economic rather than political. America is asked to see whether it is possible to set Europe on its legs, and to do so without arousing that national sentiment which is at once sensitive to and suspicious of diplomatic efforts to promote unity. What is sought, as Mr. Marshall puts it, "is a cure rather than a mere palliative." His speech on the subject should dispose of any suggestion that there is a political movement against Russia, which, in common with the other nations, is invited to share in the drafting of a programme that America can support. Nothing would be more welcome than the coming together of all the European nations, to hammer out among themselves a Continental economy that would rescue all alike from their present industrial stagnation. In this direction Mr. Marshall has given a lead, but has left to European statesmanship the finding of a way to avail herself of the proffered help. If the Marshall plan is to receive endorsement from the American people evidence will have to be furnished of cooperative response from Europe. Since conditions are critical there is no time to be lost, and it is in line with this conviction that Mr. Bevin is now in Paris. Britain must approve, both because our own endeavour has been to promote economic recovery in Europe, and because we believe in the American way of life. Nor can we lightly dismiss anxieties about the rapid exhaustion of the American loan, a proportion of which has had to be devoted to the relief of distress outside our own shores. Economic unity in Europe may be more easily attainable than any form of political union. To America, the scheme may, if adopted, provide a way of escape from a threatening industrial slump and confirm her leadership in the world. Viewed either from the American or the European angle Mr. Marshall's proposals are compounded of warm-hearted statesmanship and practical economics. They open a way to the avoidance of serious calamity that the nations will refuse to take at their peril.

CHINA'S FAILURE IN SHANGHAI

From The Atlantic Monthly

The International Settlements and Foreign Concessions in China owed their progress and prosperity to foreign municipal control and foreign investments. Many Britons and Americans with knowledge of the situation felt grave doubts in 1943 regarding the expediency of renouncing extraterritorial rights and putting themselves and their countrymen at the mercy of Chinese courts and an inefficient police system. But a gesture to stimulate continued resistance to Chungking, to the Japanese was considered necessary in London and in Washington.

Today the plight of Shanghai and Tientsin and Formosa is well known. Municipal obligations to employees who had earned pensions by long and faithful service, the rights of debenture holders, and the status of a number of trusts relating to hospitals, schools, and recreation grounds have been treated as non-existent.

Model Settlement
 Before the war the International Settlement in Shanghai was known throughout the Far East as "The Model Settlement." It was a congested modern city with tall buildings, up-to-date public utilities, and a population of considerably over a million. In the last five years its deterioration has been incredibly rapid, especially since it passed under Chinese control.

Streets are in bad repair and littered with rubbish. The majority of the thoroughfares are lined on each side by hawkers' stalls, which occupy a large portion of the pavements and encroach upon the roads. Chinese rest or sleep at the entrances to most of the buildings and on the pavements. Squatters have taken possession of vacant land, and in many instances have forced their way into residential and office buildings and taken over whole floors.

The police, admittedly underpaid, take bribes from all and sundry, and engage freely in blackmail and pilfering. It has been openly charged—and never refuted—that street hawkers pay police on their beats one or two thousand Chinese dollars apiece per day, in addition to allowing them to help themselves to any articles they fancy. Inexperienced coolie policemen are constantly invading offices and residences to demand the filling in of ridiculous forms, or to put impertinent questions about the work and incomes of the inmates.

No Protection
 There is little or no protection against robberies and burglaries. Telephoned complaints are ignored as a rule, the complainants being informed that they must present themselves at some police station in person.

100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the "China Mail")

ANECDOTE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN HERO. We must confess we like well the character of our Washington in the following method of its development, even as well as when saving the army of freedom from defeat or guiding the council. A British officer had been brought in from the river, a prisoner, and wounded. Some accidental circumstance had attracted to him General Washington's special notice, who had him placed under the best medical and surgical attention the army could afford, and ordered him to be lodged in his own quarters.

There, according to custom, a large party of officers had assembled in the evening to sup with the commander-in-chief. When the meats and cloth were removed, the unfeeling naps appeared, and the wine, a luxury seldom seen by American soldiers, except at "His Excellency's" table began to circulate.

The General rose much before his usual hour, but putting on of his alder-de-camp in his place, requested his friends to remain adding in a gentle tone: "I have only to ask you to remember in your sociality that there is a wounded officer in the next room."

(Such widespread interest has been aroused by Shanghai publication of a recent United Press dispatch of the now-famous Atlantic Monthly unsigned report on Shanghai that the full text of this report, has been obtained from America by the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury. It is presented herewith.)

before any action can be taken. Pick-pockets ply their trade in every crowded thoroughfare, and the stealing of cargoes has attained incredible proportions. It is not unusual for an importer—any, of cosmetics—whose consignment has been stolen, to be offered his entire shipment by illicit receivers of his wares, before he has even had time to assess his loss.

Local labour unions have virtually a free rein to present extortionate demands and to intimidate employers, whom they often detain in their own offices for hours under threats of violence, including hanging. Many foreign-owned factories whose plants are more or less intact hesitate to resume operations, because of constant strikes and the preposterous compensation they are compelled to pay to workers who are discharged for inefficiency or insubordination. One British firm has had to pay out over three thousand pounds to rid itself of the incubus of inefficient and truculent workers.

K.M.T. Hesitates

The dominant Kuomintang evidently hesitates to attempt any disciplining of labor for fear that it will go over to the Communist camp. A number of old, established British and American firms are contemplating—some have actually arranged for—the transfer of their head offices and plants to Hongkong, to avoid the losses and uncertainties of operating under Chinese laws and so-called protection.

The labour trouble for the most part is not caused by unscrupulous disrupting business and production in an irresponsible way. It is due rather to the fact that official corruption, inflation, and utter failure to control prices have reduced workers so close to the starvation level that they might as well starve while working.

Currency inflation has attained astronomical proportions, but the cost of living exceeds even the inflationary standard. It is estimated that it costs foreigners well over four times as much today to live in Shanghai as it does in New York. American citizens have been warned that they must allow at least \$12 (US) a day for accommodation—when obtainable—and \$16 (US) a day for food.

Tax schedules which bear no relation to reality are supposed to be in force. The income tax, for example, starts with a monthly income which would not be accepted as a single ricksha fare.

Daily Scandal

Hardly a day passes that the local newspapers, Chinese and foreign, do not reveal and denounce some fresh local scandal. Whereas in pre-war Shanghai days the Chinese would have reacted angrily to any exposure of alleged fraud, however, well authenticated, especially in the foreign press, they now appear to have become absolutely shameless, and to look upon exposure of graft as a matter of course.

Possibly they imagine that these exposures are offset abroad by publication of elaborate and ambitious schemes for largescale municipal improvements, such as a bridge or tunnel across the Whangpoo, an elevated street-railway, or the cutting up of the Race Course and Recreation Ground (regardless of the fact that they are the property of a foreign trust). None of these schemes is likely ever to get beyond the paper stage, unless it opens up new channels for graft or for lucrative returns from the confiscation of foreign property.

Abolition of extraterritoriality is exposing foreigners to extraordinary hazards, of which the following may be regarded as typical. In the early hours—5.45 a.m. to be exact—of August 12 a party of some fifteen Chinese alleged to have been members of the Woosung-Shanghai Garrison Headquarters—but only two of them wore uniforms—forced their way into an apartment building in Great Western Road, shooting and severely wounding a British resident who resided.

Dragged Out
 All the occupants of this building, including an elderly Parsee, were dragged out of bed, handcuffed, and taken down to the ground floor, while the thugs pretended to make a search for forged United States

currency. When the victims were released some six or seven hours later, they found that their apartments had been ransacked, and that money and jewelry valued at many millions of dollars had been stolen by the so-called military police. One of the residents telephoned to the nearest police station as soon as the raid started, but no action was taken. No redress has been offered to the victims.

About the same time four senior members of the staff of a charitable hospital were arrested and shut up in a filthy cell with a number of criminals because of the death of a woman in their institution. Someone had falsely informed the police that she had been operated upon against her consent, when the truth was that she died from a hemorrhage caused by her refusal to stay in bed. It was thirty-six hours before these members of the medical staff were released.

Unsafe

It is unsafe for foreign surgeons to operate upon Chinese under the archaic legal system now prevailing. It is equally unsafe for foreigners to drive their own cars. A Russian driver is serving a five-year sentence for allegedly causing the death of a woman who stuck her head out of a street car as he was passing, and was caught by the back of his truck.

In civil proceedings the same "Alice in Wonderland" mentality prevails. On August 14, a certain Chen Chi-ling sued the Joint Savings Bank for the return of four thousand dollars of a long-term deposit made in 1940, with interest. His claim was based on the fact that the cost-of-living index had risen 4,000 per cent since the deposit, and on a government regulation allowing the court to make adjustments of payment in legal transactions where an unforeseen change of conditions has rendered the original terms unjust.

Where does the responsibility for this chaotic state of affairs lie? Some of the examples given are inherent in the Chinese system—or lack of system—of administration. No well-informed Briton or American believed, during the war, that the much publicized "New China" was a reality, and that as a result of participation in a common struggle, the Chinese would develop greater efficiency in administrative matters or more honesty in municipal government.

Main Blame

The main blame for the deterioration of Shanghai must be placed squarely upon the shoulders of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek. He is undoubtedly anti-foreign. He is also medieval in his outlook, and to this, perhaps, owes his continued leadership of China during the war period. For he is a past master of intrigue, of playing off one clique against another, while himself relying upon reactionary and anti-foreign advisers. Many of the men holding high positions in the Kuomintang hierarchy are notoriously corrupt.

Any progressive-minded Chinese leader would have realized that Shanghai under Chinese control was the supreme test of China's ability to administer a large modern city with efficiency and honesty. Shanghai should have been regarded as China's show window, and every effort should have been bent to make it so.

There are scores of able Chinese, educated in Britain and America, with stainless records, port and authority, would have made the rehabilitation of Shanghai under a Chinese administration a success. One such, Wu Kuo-chen, graduate of Grinnell and Princeton, former mayor of Hankow and Chung-

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



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HAS THE PAIR ENOUGH?

WITH A TRULY adequate number of cards in your hand and your partner's—which means a total of eight or more—the best suit for trump is nearly always that which is evenly divided between the two hands. But that principle should generally be scrapped when only seven cards of any one suit belong to the partnership. Then an element of safety is furnished by selecting the suit which has the greater length in one of the two holdings. It affords better protection against a bad division of the defenders' trumps.

SA Q 7 6 4
 H A J 4
 D A
 C 9 6 8

S 8 5 3 2 N S K 10
 H K 9 6 6 W E H Q 10 8 7
 D J 3 2 S 3 8
 C A 5 C Q J 4 2

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
 North East South West
 1 S Pass 2 D Pass
 2 S Pass 3 D Pass
 3 S Pass 4 C Pass
 5 C

That contract got lambasted all over the place. The 5 of the unbid hearts was won by the A, the diamond A scored, the club 3 led to the 10 and A, the heart K ruffed by the club 7—a disastrous shortening of South's trumps—the spade J

king, is now mayor of Shanghai. But he was appointed too late, and has not been given the necessary authority.

Little Hope

He is struggling to restore order out of chaos, to eliminate corruption and incompetence, but with little hope of success. Hardly a day passes that he does not have to grapple with some new exposure of corruption under the regime of his predecessor, the Tokyo-educated, non-English speaking, anti-foreign Gen. Chen Tai-chun.

The present Mayor appears to exercise no control over the police force, beyond almost daily repudiating its arbitrary actions and pretensions. He is, moreover, obstructed and handicapped by the graft that now pervades government, department

led to the A, the club 6 led to the J and K taken. The diamond Q was ruffed by East, whose club Q then took out South's last trump. East followed with three tricks in hearts and the spade K, setting the contract five tricks.

At another table in the same duplicate the bidding was exactly the same up to South's call of 4-Clubs. North then put the game into diamonds with his singleton A. He reckoned that the bidding of this suit twice by South before showing clubs indicated at least six diamonds and only four clubs—possibly seven diamonds. It happened to be the latter, and South made the contract, losing only two tricks in clubs. That made a "twing" of five tricks between the two sides at the two tables, resulting entirely from North's appreciation of the greater safety in preferring diamonds.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K Q 10 7
 H S
 D K J 10 6
 C A J 5 3

S 8 6 H A J 10 6 N E H Q 9 3
 5 2 D Q W E D A 2
 C 9 8 4 2 S C K Q 7 6

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
 After North opens this with an ill-chosen 1-Spade, what course should the bidding pursue?

ment. How can he control the rationing of essential commodities like rice, sugar, and coal when corrupt government monopolies handle importation and distribution?

The United States and Britain have given China lavish assistance during, and especially since, the Pacific War. We might reasonably have hoped that this aid would curb the innate xenophobia of the Chinese people. The abrogation of the so-called "unequal treaties," with the restoration of the International Settlements and the Foreign Concessions to full Chinese sovereignty and with the abolition of extraterritoriality, should have put the Chinese on their mettle. But Chinese officialdom has proved irresponsible and inadequate.

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MARSHALL PLAN FOR EUROPE

Mr. Bevin Discussing Offer With French Premier

Four Principal Questions

Paris, June 17.

Foundations were being laid at a dinner party at the British Embassy here tonight to make the United States Secretary of State, George Marshall's plan for aid to Europe a reality.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, were all seated round the dinner table with their economic experts.

The talks represented the first contacts towards defining the practical scope of Europe's answer to General Marshall's call for European initiative. Incomplete as this first contact was bound to be, it may well be fateful for the whole subsequent trend of planning under the Marshall project.

M. Herve Alphonse, Economic Director of the French Foreign Office, today submitted a written memorandum to the British Embassy. The British Foreign Minister and his colleagues at the Embassy studied the plan shortly after their arrival in Paris.

It is taken for granted that the memorandum contains substantially the same proposals as were outlined previously by M. Alphonse—particularly the setting up of four working committees to collate the needs and potential resources of European countries under four heads—coal, steel, transport and agriculture.

Key Problems

At first sight, the Alphonse memorandum suggests that France sees the first step of international planning on a very down to earth plane, since these four headings are precisely the key problems of France's own economic position.

With the threat of an impending inflationary spiral uppermost in the minds of every statesman and most men in the street here, the full force of General Marshall's belief that only Europe can assess her urgent problems is vividly brought home to the observer.

There is good reason to believe that the experts may wish to start consultations without delay on a small scale, involving only those countries in western Europe, whose problems are complementary and whose views could be obtained without too much loss of time. These coun-

tries are Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg. Against this will be the political consideration of wishing to avoid the appearance of exclusive talks, which might be denounced as an economic "western bloc." That is the real dilemma facing Britain's Socialist Foreign Minister and France's Socialist Premier at tonight's dinner.

The dilemma is accentuated by the anonymous comment on the Marshall plan published yesterday in Moscow in the official mouthpiece of the Communist Party, Pravda, which denounced the plan as a thinly disguised rebirth of President Truman's anti-Communist doctrine, transplanted into the economic field.

Four Issues

Meanwhile, the questions facing the French and British delegations now considering General Marshall's plan are:

1. Is the Pan-European planning under the Marshall project to begin on a limited western European basis and work outward in the hope of gaining time and setting the ball rolling, or is it to await the consent of the majority of European countries to meet around a table to discuss a comprehensive agenda of reconstruction.

2. If the latter course is adopted, how is the meeting to be summoned and who will draw up the agenda.

3. In the event of a Soviet refusal to take part in joint European planning under the Marshall project, will France and Britain continue their initiative in the remainder of Europe, and if so, will they attempt to bring in the countries of eastern Europe at present in the Soviet sphere of influence.

4. How is planning under the Marshall project to be coordinated with economic planning for Germany, and who is to represent

MARSHALL PLAN FOR ASIA?

Washington, June 17. The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, today proposed that the "Marshall plan" for rehabilitation of Europe be extended to Asia. —United Press.

Germany in any planning organization.

Ruhr Questions

On the last point, observers here believe it inevitable that France will reopen in some form the question of the Ruhr, whose resources she has consistently claimed should form the cornerstone of any Pan-European economic planning.

In both French and British circles, there is a tendency to warn against expecting too much and too fast. Observers believe, however, that Mr. Bevin, M. Ramadier and M. Bidault will at least try to reach a decision on whether it is wiser to aim now for an optimum overall plan, based on consultation between "everything west of Asia" or to start planning nearer home while keeping the door open for the eventual participation of Russia and Eastern Europe. —Reuter.

Concrete Step

Paris, June 17. Mr. Ernest Bevin arrived in Paris at 4.10 p.m. Paris time today.

Mr. Bevin told newsmen: "We come on a visit to France, not to discuss political business but to examine the necessary steps for the economic reconstruction of Europe. Millions of people on the European continent have suffered the deprivations and humiliations of the Nazi occupation. These millions have long since been entitled to a decent standard of life. We can wait no longer."

"The great and powerful government of the United States has offered to help us. His Majesty's Government has taken advantage of this generous offer."

"The discussions here, I hope, will be the first concrete step in bringing back prosperity, happiness and a united Europe." —United Press.

Four Committees

Paris, June 18. Great Britain has accepted "in principle" French proposals for special technical committees for carrying out the "Marshall Plan" for European economic recovery, a French Government source said today.

The French proposals, made last Friday by the French Ambassador, Henri Bonnet, to General Marshall, call for the setting up of four technical committees to study European needs rather than the summoning of a general European conference on the Marshall Plan.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, accompanied by their chief economic advisers, met at the Quai d'Orsay at 11 a.m. for their first formal conference on putting the Marshall Plan into effect. —United Press.

Paris, June 18. France and Britain today addressed an official invitation to Soviet Russia to participate in an examination of the United States Secretary of State, General George Marshall's plan for Europe. —Reuter.

Food Crisis In India

New Delhi, June 17.

The food crisis in India—the worst in three years—will probably last until September, an official spokesman of the Central Food Department said here today.

He gave two reasons for the deterioration in the food situation—the damage due to dust in the central India wheat belt and the poor quality of the wheat crop just harvested in the Punjab.

The Government was trying to meet the situation by intensifying internal procurement, conserving existing stocks and importing from abroad.

The expected total of imports during June, July and August were 454,000 tons as against India's requirements of 1,500,000 tons during these three lean months. —Reuter.

DR. GRADY IN COLOMBO

Colombo, June 18. Dr. Henry F. Grady, first United States Ambassador to India, arrived in the 9,200-ton United States liner, President Polk today on his way to take up his new post.

Mr. Madhava Srinivasa Aiyer, Indian representative to Ceylon, and Mr. B. T. Chari, In-

SOVIET SAYS GO TO UNO

London, June 17.

One Soviet reaction, broadcast today by Moscow Radio, to the United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall's economic-aid-to-Europe plan, indicated that any fresh attempt to reassess the economic needs of Europe will be discouraged by the Soviet Government. This statement coincides with the publication of the French proposals to set up international functional committees to gauge the scale on which each nation will require assistance from the United States.

Repeating the criticism of the Marshall plan already made in "Pravda," that it is "a programme of interference in the domestic affairs of other countries," the Soviet broadcast condemned in advance any decision to collect further information about Europe's economic needs.

"The thing is not to collect information about these needs all over again," the broadcast said, "but to meet these needs in conformity with the clearest

resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in line with the principles of international co-operation."

In fact, whether the investigation is made by the Committee machinery suggested by the French Government or through an International Economic Conference which some members of Mr. Bevin's delegation to France are understood to favour, the most probable outcome of the Anglo-French talks is an agreement to support a continent-wide budgeting of resources and requirements.

The Moscow hint that the use of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council might prove more acceptable than the creation of new machinery to set the Marshall plan in motion is bound to influence the Paris talks.

The full statement made yesterday by M. Herve Alphonse, head of the Economic Department of the French Foreign Office, on the French scheme to implement the Marshall plan, and the fact that the French proposals, in a tentative form, were submitted in Washington last Friday, suggests however that this and not the views of the British delegation will form the basis of the Anglo-French discussions. —Reuter.

GI Brides May Enter U.S.

Washington, June 17.

The Senate will shortly consider a bill, unanimously passed by the House, designed to permit Japanese and Korean brides of members of the United States armed forces to enter the United States.

The House bill, No. 3149, did not specifically mention Japanese or Koreans, but the intent was obvious. It was passed as an amendment to Public Law 271, which was an act to expedite admission to the United States of alien spouses and alien minor children of GIs.

The amendment removing race as a barrier reads: "The alien spouse of an American citizen by a marriage occurring before January 1, 1947, shall not be considered as inadmissible because of race if otherwise admissible under this act."

After the Committee hearing, the phrase "January 1, 1947" was deleted in favour of "30 days after the enactment of this act."

It is believed the amendment was aimed primarily at circumventing the exclusion of GI warbrides on a racial basis, stemming from the extremely small Asiatic quotas of 100 persons of all kinds from any Oriental country per year. —United Press.

India And The Empire

Ottawa, June 17.

Despite the partition of India into religious states on assuming independence, India will continue, in cooperation with the British Empire, to strive off possible Communist infiltration from the East, the Most Reverend Dr. Marvanos, Archbishop of Travanore, told the United Press following his arrival here to participate in the Marian Congress religious celebrations.

The Archbishop said he believed that in separating into Moslem, Hindu and other states, India as a whole would stand with the British Empire and accept British guidance to a large degree in world affairs during the present days of ideological conflict.

The Bishop of Mangalore, Victor Fernandez, arrived in Montreal en route to the Congress. —United Press.

SOVIET ENVOY'S FAREWELL

Nanking, June 17. The Soviet Ambassador, Apollon Petrov, entertained high-ranking Chinese officials and diplomats, including the United States Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart, yesterday and will leave for Moscow tomorrow by a special plane via Tientsin, Sinkiang, provincial capital, 117 miles from Peking, the scene of the recent Chinese-Russian Mongolian clash. —United Press.

Indian Agent, Dr. Grady, who was accompanied by his wife, aboard the ship. During his brief stay here, the new ambassador will call on Sir Henry Monckton-Mason, Governor of Ceylon, and attend a special session of the State Council later in the day. —Reuter.

REFUGEES FLOODING AUSTRIA

VIENNA, JUNE 17.

OSCAR HELMER, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, TODAY INFORMED THE AUSTRIAN CABINET THAT THE INFUX OF POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD INCREASED DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

An official communique on the Cabinet session said the Austrian Government for "safety reasons" ships all refugees to the Western Zone of Germany.

At the same time, the Foreign Minister, Karl Gruber, announced that, "much to my surprise, the Austrian notes to Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria, asking these governments to stop the influx of their citizens into Austria, remained unanswered."

Chancellor Leopold Figl, supported by the Cabinet, drafted a cable appeal to the United States maritime strikers.

The cable said: "The Austrian Government and people desire to emphasize that without wheat and with ships in dock but not loaded and dispatched, Austria will not be able to survive without catastrophe."

Figl at the same time announced that the American High Commissioner in Austria, Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, had informed him that he also had appealed to the strikers. —United Press.

Sharp Battle At Szepingkai

Nanking, June 18.

Chinese reports from Mukden today claimed that bloody house-to-house fighting raged in Szepingkai when small units of Communist storm troops entered the city and were "liquidated" by the defenders in a bitter street battle.

The reports claimed that 2,000 Communists were killed and 200 captured as waves after waves of Red units attacked the city in an offensive which began on June 15. They said the Communists set fire to houses in which Nationalist soldiers were entrenched but failed to penetrate deeper into the town. —United Press.

KANSAS QUIZ

Washington, June 17.

The Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, has appointed Richard K. Phelps of Missouri as special assistant to prosecute any Federal law violations found in last year's Kansas City Democratic Congressional primary. —United Press.

Ambassador In Stalin Murder Plot

Nuremberg, June 17.

Files of the United States chief war crimes counsel today produced a document which alleged that the Japanese plotted to assassinate Marshall Josef Stalin in January 1939 and succeeded in smuggling ten disgruntled Russians, equipped with bombs, across the Soviet border to accomplish the deed.

The document was a memorandum signed by Heinrich Himmler and taken from his personal files with the fall of the Nazis.

It told of a conversation between Himmler and the Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, General Oshima.

The document related that Oshima was engaged in subversive work in Russia in cooperation with the Germans.

"Up till now, Oshima has succeeded in smuggling ten Russians equipped with bombs over the Caucasus border," the document said. "Their mission is to murder Stalin. A number of other Russians sent by him were shot on the border."

Oshima also told Himmler he was sending propaganda surreptitiously into Russia via Poland and Rumania, according to the document. —United Press.

No Arrests In Macon Case

Paris, June 17.

The Mayor of Macon, where 17 patients who died in unexplained circumstances in the municipal hospital over the last three weeks were expected to make disclosures today after his return from a conference with the Paris Surete Nationale.

Post-mortem inquiries carried out on the victims are said to have shown the presence of poison in the organs.

Some Paris newspapers suggested that the deaths might have been the work of a fanatical admirer of the Nazi theory of eliminating cripples or weaklings. According to others, one of the chief matrons during the occupation was denounced at the liberation as a Nazi sympathiser and rumours of "revenge" were now spreading through the town.

Five members of the hospital staff have been questioned by the police but no arrests were made. —Reuter.

World Rice Shortage

Trivandrum, India, June 18.

A world rice shortage of 3,000,000 tons seven years hence was forecast, in a report adopted today by the plenary session of the Rice Study Group of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, here.

The report said that Burma will have a surplus of 2,750,000 tons of rice in 1950-51, French Indo-China a surplus of 750,000 tons, and Siam 1,000,000 tons, but India, Japan, China, Malaya, Ceylon, Indonesia and the Philippines will be deficit areas.

The report recommended methods of combating the shortage of food grains, the convening of a conference of nutritional experts, and the international stabilization of prices and research in rice production. —United Press.

German P.O.W. Sentenced

Rugely, June 18.

Otto Port, a German prisoner of war, has been sentenced by Court Martial at Rugely, Staffordshire, to 50 days' detention for conspiring with Eunice Evelyn Jackson, a 17-year-old nursemaid of Burton on Trent.

It was stated at the court-martial that Port and the girl were found in an airfield shed, early one morning. The girl had an alarm clock to get to work on time.

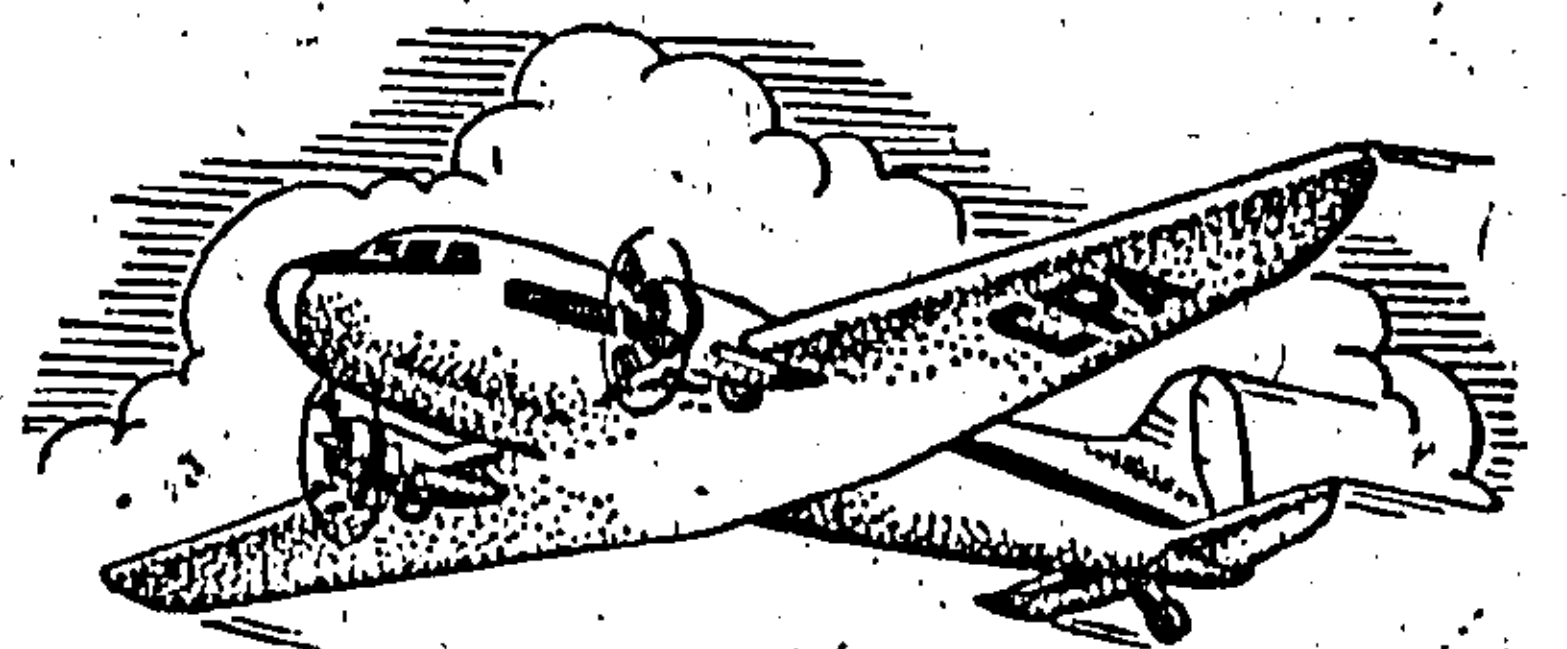
In mitigation for Port, it was said that he was not a Nazi and had taken an active part in helping victims of Nazi persecution. —Associated Press.

CONGRESS RECESS

Washington, June 17.

Senate and House Republican leaders today set July 25 or 26 as the tentative date for the adjournment of Congress, but deferred decision on what bills should be added to the legislative calendar. —United Press.

London, June 16. The first public radio telephone service between Britain and the island of Malta was inaugurated today as the British Postmaster-General, Mr. Wilfred Pelling, talked to Malta's Governor. —Reuter.



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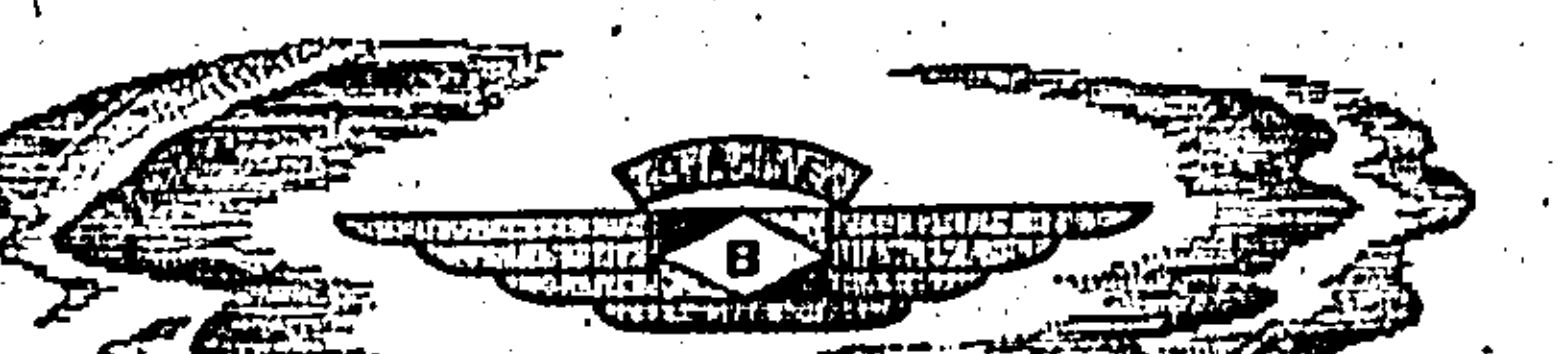
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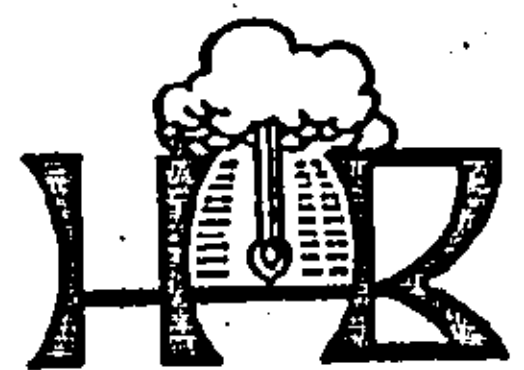
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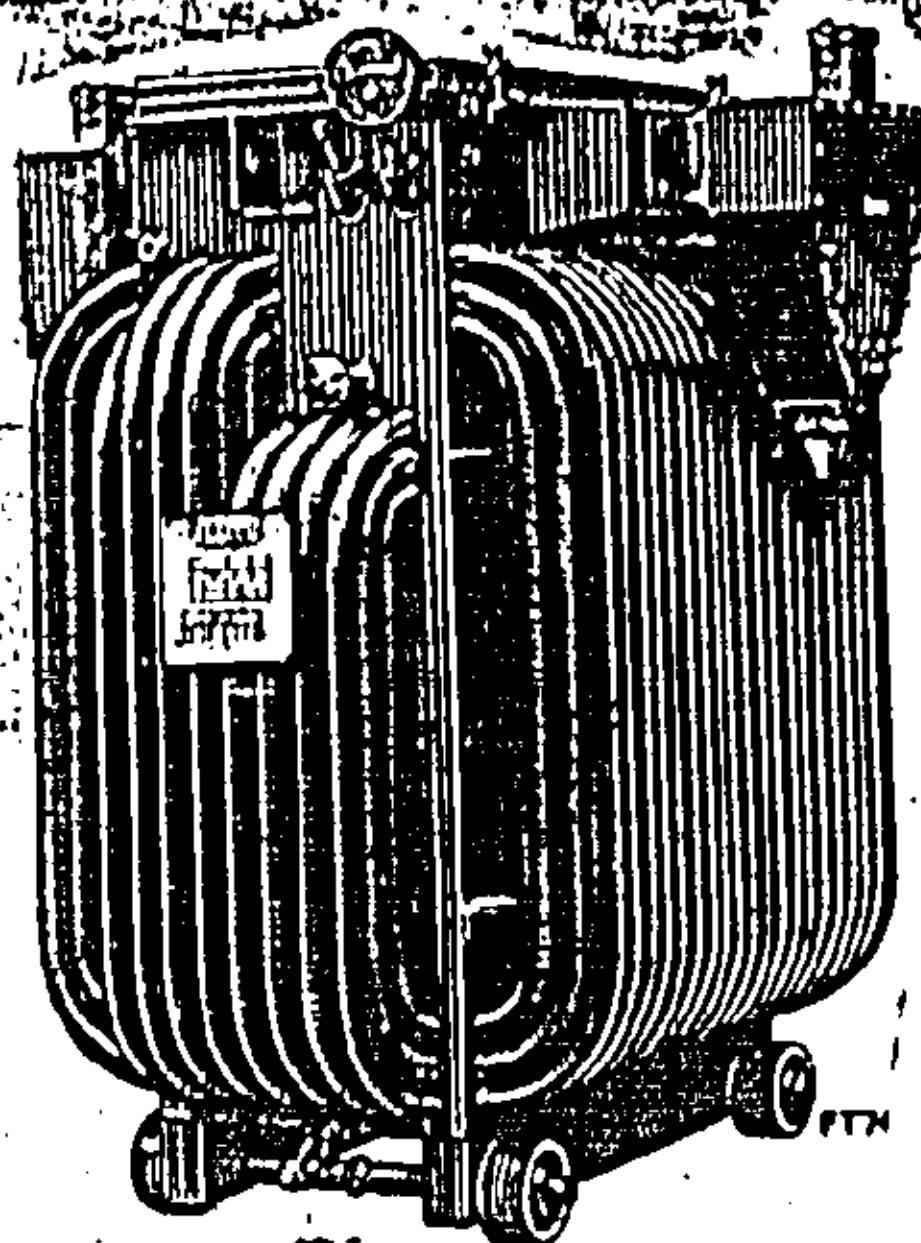
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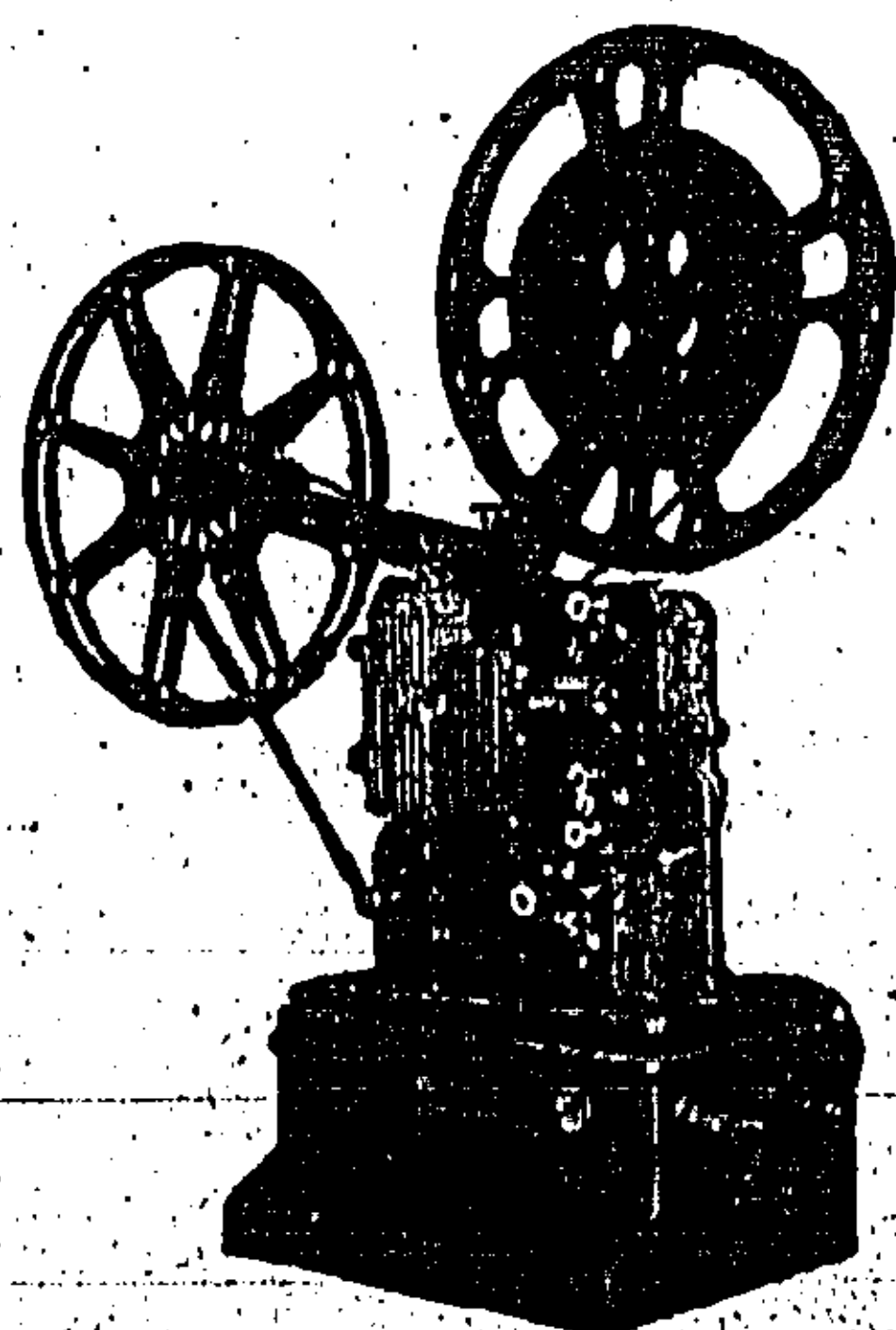
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ENGINEERING PAGE

Hong Kong As A Shop Window For Empire By A Specialist

That Hong Kong should be made a shop window for the British Empire is a view which has been expressed several times since the liberation of this Colony and, inherent in this statement is a challenge which we feel, as a vehicle of public expression, it is incumbent upon us to meet. To we who are living in, and in many cases creating, the shop window it is difficult, if not impossible to see in proper perspective how well the challenge is being met and we hope in the articles and editorials which will appear on this page to examine what has been done, how well it measures up to our ideas of a proper shop window, what other things might be done, and what other goods might, with advantage, be exhibited.

It is clear that some of the most important and exportable commodities of our Empire are products of the engineer and this page is therefore to be devoted in particular to engineering matters. The engineer is a shy animal and generally does not enjoy being in a shop window but his contribution to the very structure of the window itself is all around us.

done; would like to know what plans are afoot and why it is not possible to push on faster with providing more, and better quality vehicles. The much maligned ferries which constitute such a vital link in the fabric of this Colony carry in themselves a story of persistent and patient engineering skill in overcoming difficulties of which it will be interesting to hear. If only we can get the engineers to talk.

Clanging Activity

Those vast centres of clanging activity, the Kowloon and Taikoo Dockyards are perhaps two of the most spectacular exhibits in the window and contain within themselves examples, both human and material, of the resourcefulness and accumulated skill which has done so much to maintain the reputation and demand for British engineering products the world over.

The railway which disgorges its crowds onto the already overburdened ferries, is another part of the window which is little known to most of us who live here.

What engineering products has it in use what might be added; who can tell but what this road of British steel might

in the future be one of the factors in solving the vexed problem of housing and living space in this Colony. Here we find ourselves gazing into a part of the window which appears desperately badly dressed. How can we make this a really fine shop window when people have nowhere to live and are crowded cheek by jowl in hotel rooms. What are the engineering views on this blank space in the window? It promises to be interesting if we can entice the engineer to let us have his views on this problem.

Products Problem

All the activities of the engineers, here in Hong Kong, and their ability to contribute to the development of the place, are governed, in no small measure, by the products available to them from the factories of the Empire and America. Of these products and even of some not of immediate value in the Colony itself such as the Electron microscope, the Jet Engine, the Gas Turbine and Atomic Energy, we hope we shall learn something from the engineers attached to the merchant houses who, in the ultimate analysis, are the shopkeepers behind the window.

Developments In Electricity By Prof. A. M. Low

It is fascinating to think that everything is held together by electric forces, and that our bodies are mostly space which we cannot see.

And there is this queer thing, that on the surface of liquids there is an added attraction which produces a kind of hard skin or a form of "surface tension." Colloidal chemistry has shown us how particles of gold can be made so small as to stay suspended in water, but surface attraction is quite another story, and if you take a perfectly dry needle and drop it very close to the surface of some water, keeping it absolutely level, it will commonly float. Reminiscent, in fact, of some forms of these new military bridges.

A still more striking example is shown by covering the surface of a bowl of water with the lycopodium powder which comes from a moss found in Russia. These particles are so small that their "tension value" is very high, and you can plunge your hand into the bowl of water, through the skin of thin particles, without it becoming wet in any way.

It is very difficult to observe any occurrences accurately. You will find that if three people in front of, say, twelve, are watching in a simple action such as one man dropping a bunch of keys, one kicking it, and one returning it to the first man, and the three then sitting down in different order, every single person in the audience will give a different account of the performance. Or very nearly so.

This is why road accidents cause so much apparent lying. Anyway, it is one kindly reason.

Fascinating

The camera now being used to judge racing is the only real method unless we have some electronic recorder, which I hope will be used one day for voting. These high-speed cameras are fascinating things, and I observe that they have now introduced a revolving winning post, so that it will not interfere too much with the lines of sight but appear stationary as the camera clicks.

Very embarrassing for the onlookers who might be in the unhappy position of the man who entered a ballroom which had a sprung floor. He had dined adequately and was heard to mutter "does it, or am I?" But high-speed cameras do show what happens if you break an electric light bulb with a hammer. The side opposite to the hammer usually falls out first because the column of gas inside pokes it out before the hammer has time to penetrate the fracture.

It was once argued in Court that a certain photograph had been taken wrongly because the flash made by the photographer started a man holding a screen. No one noticed it at the time, but Counsel should have pointed out that the flash would be over long before the screen could have been dropped. The exposure which resulted was not only that of a film. A tricky point for the Judge; was it not?

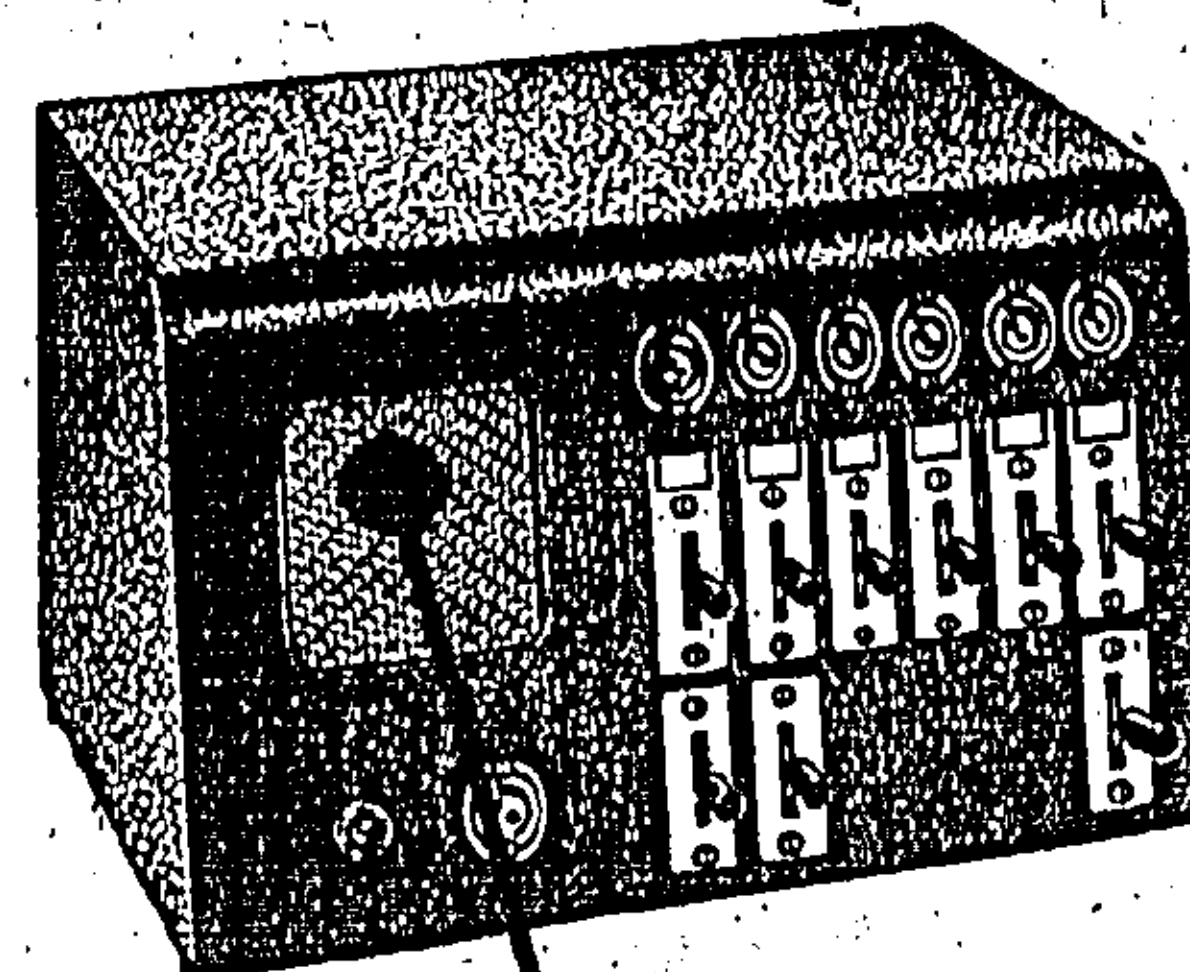
Accidents

There seem to have been a good number of railway accidents of late, and it is rather a reflection on civilization that scientific methods should take so long to apply. Buildings burn down when almost fire-proof methods are available. Trains could travel fast through fog if radar equipped. Animals do not run into each other in the dark because they have senses which indicate the presence of others. We, by living in cities, eating unad food, wearing clothes and shaving

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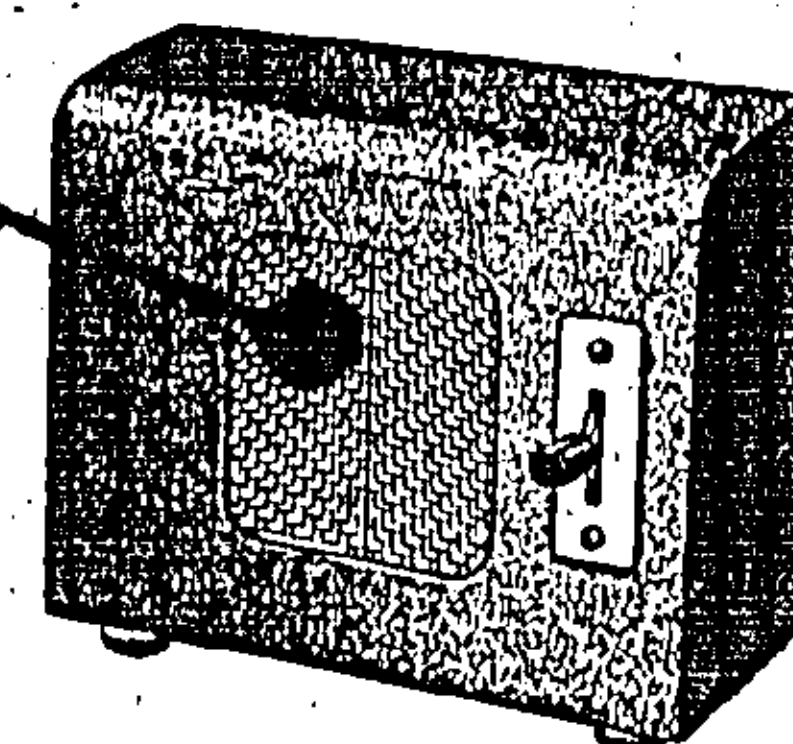


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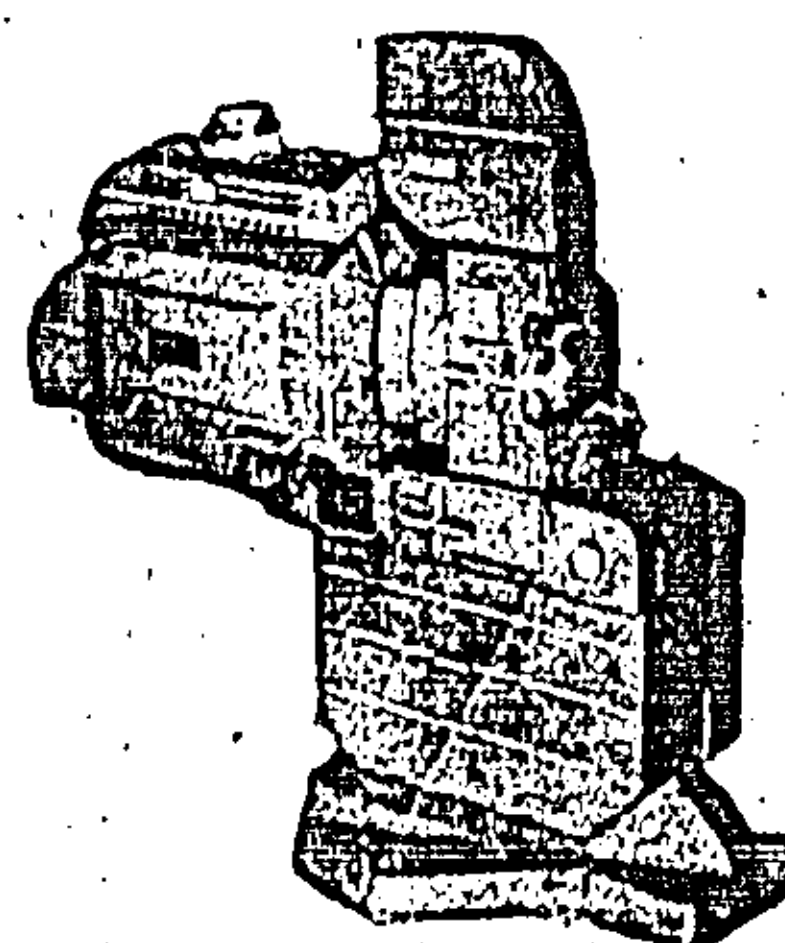
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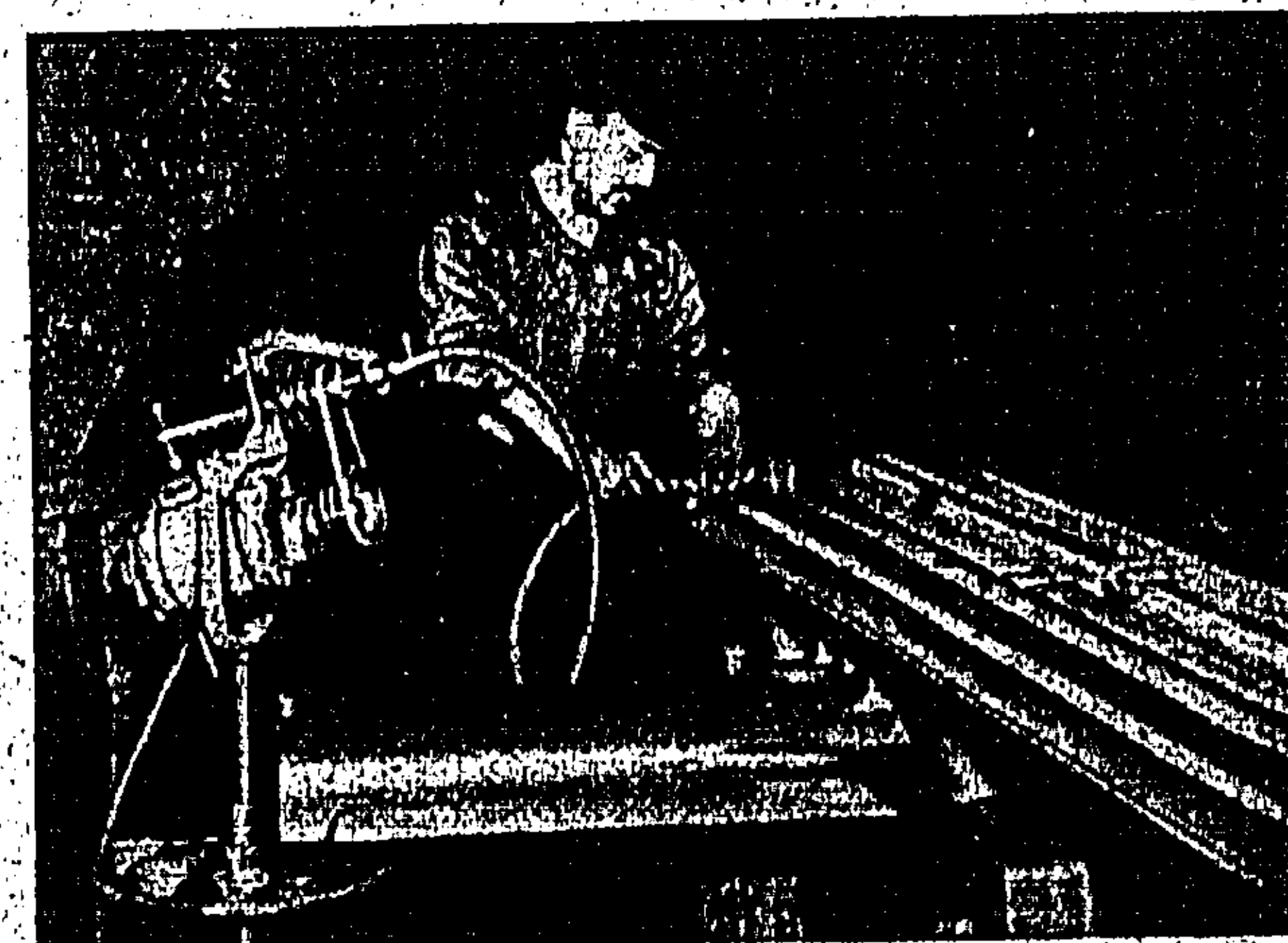
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HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

The Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital at Epsom, Buckinghamshire, will be officially opened by the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, on June 25.

The hospital, built during the war by the Canadian Red Cross Society and equipped partly by the Society, was given to the British Government last year.

Leaders Run Counter To Kremlin Policy

Loan From America Approved

Rome, June 17. Italian Communists went on record today as supporting a United States loan to Italy, thus stepping sharply out of line with the international Communist policy as promulgated from Moscow for the first time in more than a year.

Signor Mauro Scoccimarro, Communist Finance Minister and the party's leading economic expert, officially declared Italy's financial dependence on the United States in an Assembly speech last night.

He said a foreign loan was absolutely necessary to Italy "and the United States is the only nation which can supply it."

His statement was headlined today in all Italian newspapers, including the Communist Unity, side by side with yesterday's "Pravda" attack from Moscow against the Marshall plan as seeking to subject Europe to domination of the dollar.

Signor Scoccimarro's statement represented the sharpest divergence between Italian Communism and the Kremlin line since the former was forced to reverse its policy on Trieste for Italian elections in the spring of 1946. At that time Italian Communists made a full circle to the support of Trieste for Italy while the Kremlin waged a full scale campaign at international conferences to give Trieste to Yugoslavia.

Drastic Change

The statement also contrasted drastically with the Italian Communists bitter month-long newspaper campaign, charging the United States with doing imperialism in connection with prospective loans to needy countries.

United States influence otherwise dominated the Italian scene today. Ambassador James Dunn's announcement to Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza that Italy's share of post-UNRRA aid from America would be \$130,000,000 was prominently displayed in the press.

Count Sforza's note thanking President Truman for his words of warm friendship and hints of revision on signing of the ratification of the Italian treaty received banner headlines.

The Communist reversal of policy, the post-UNRRA grant and President Truman's statement all resounded favourably.

Political Peace

These surprising setbacks for the Communist Party, which controls virtually all Italian labour, raised the question of whether the Communists would continue to follow Premier de Gasperi to represent Italy's "Pravda-Marshall man" without popular agitation.

Strikes and food demonstrations have been mysteriously non-existent throughout the month-long period of the government crisis and the elimination of Communists from the cabinet.

Over the weekend the Communist leader of former partisans urged his colleagues to "hold themselves ready and to oil their machine-guns" but the threat was an isolated case and remains the only threat so far.

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRICITY

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(all very necessary so that we can think better), require mechanical aids to our senses, and I suggest quite seriously that in the very far geological future human beings will have no hair, no teeth, and very poor hearing. They will also be very probable that legs will become atrophied. Indeed, I think it is best that we should try to forget our bodies, for the whole purpose of education, a most important part of our lives, is to improve our minds and forget our unpleasant physical attributes. You will notice I do not speak of tabloid meals. They will come, but our stomachs at present must be worked mechanically as well as by their usual metabolism or else the works get rusty and the nasty diseases of civilisation appear. Even now we take a poor view of those who gorge red steaks, and we are a little ashamed of boasting that the sideboard was groaning with pieces of animals.

Mechanical Hearts

It will not be long before mechanical hearts and other parts become common. How fascinating to think that brains might live without all the concomitant horrors which we now love for we are of knowing better. We are still so savage that we can only communicate a thought by blowing air through a set of waggling lips.

I have mentioned before that things are not always what they seem, and now another terror has been added to life by the discovery of an eminent scientist that the impression of speed can be given by drugging certain localised parts of the anatomy. I rather like the idea of selling a bottle with every slow car, or it might be doled out to householders who are waiting for their homes to be re-built. It might also be used to study all the wasted motion used in laying bricks. But I doubt if they give enough attention to the fact that human beings can only put out a certain amount of effort by custom.

Motor-car drivers do not want infinitely variable gears, because they cannot be bothered to use them or to learn the right speed at which an internal combustion engine gives its best compromise between comfort and efficiency. Bicycles have often been designed with handlebars connected to chains so that speed could be increased. It is forgotten that when pressing upon the pedal one can pull on the handlebar, and thus use the energy from the unfortunate rider to its full.

The other evening I was dining in a restaurant and was told by a friend that some people can tell the difference between Empire wines and others (if they can get them). There seems to be some difference, for poisons of many kinds vary in the rapidity of their effect upon the stomach. I should not have mentioned this word, but I commonly think of the place where what I understand an "abominable bolt" is worn. Now, poisons are interesting, because some of them seem to paralyse different parts of the body, and vary in the manner in which they preserve the body or

MALAYAN REPARATIONS CLAIM

Singapore, June 18. The Singapore Chinese Massacre Appeal Committee is preparing a par-Malayan claim against Japan for the refund of large sums contributed by the Chinese community under duress during the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Tay Koh Yit, Chairman of the Committee, said the committee was determined to see that the claim was taken up by the proper authorities and directly decided by the reparations committee in Japan.

Malaya is also seeking dockyard machinery, power and machine tools from Japan, from the plant which General MacArthur has declared available for reparations.

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Mr. J. N. McCulloch, of the Singapore Harbour Board, is in Tokyo as a member of the United Kingdom Reparations Team.—Reuter.

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Other technical information on this equipment can be obtained in Hong Kong from the Manners Engineering Company.

Hydro-Electric Installation

The present acute difficulties in obtaining coal supplies will give an added importance in Britain to hydro-electric generation, and the progress of the North of Scotland Scheme will therefore be watched with great interest.

For the Errochty power station in the Tummel Garry scheme, forming one of the most important parts of the general project, the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board has placed a contract with The General Electric Co., Ltd., for the manufacture and installation of three vertical-shaft water turbo-alternators with turbines of Boving manufacture. Each alternator will have an output of 27,800 kVA M.C.R. at 11,000 volts, and the Boving turbines a specified rating of 35,000 h.p. against a 525ft. head of water.

It is of interest to note that as much of the plant as possible will be made in Scotland, where the water turbines will be built, and all the heavy forgings for the alternators produced. The electrical equipment will be manufactured throughout at the G.E.C. Engineering Works at Winton.

It is hoped to complete the installation for the winter load of 1948.

Customs Battle Off Macao

Macao, June 18. Three heavily-armed motor junks engaged the Customs patrol early yesterday in a battle off Sam Tong, some 15 miles from Macao. Two of them escaped toward the interior and the third, Lee Shing, was captured after a long chase.

When the junks were challenged, they replied with a heavy barrage of machinegun and rifle fire, under cover of which the two craft made their escape.

Meanwhile, the Ting On was towed to Macao for disposal yesterday after the crew failed in an attempt to get the vessel ashore.—United Press.

respond to chemical reaction in the hands of the police. Take any box about 5ins. long and the same in width. Glue some pieces of paper tightly over the open side and in the open part cut a hole 1in. in diameter. When filled with smoke you can send vortex rings across the room or put out a candle if the box is sufficiently large.

Efficient Use Of Fuel

There is to be an intensified drive during the summer towards the efficient use of fuel, and this will culminate in a three-day Conference planned to take place in London during October. The purpose of the Conference will be to review, industry by industry, the prospects for improvement in the use of fuel during the next five-year period.

A number of new and important papers, which have been prepared by the Fuel Efficiency Committee, will form the basis of discussion at the technical sessions.

After the opening by the Minister of Fuel and Power, those attending will divide into groups to consider one of the seven or eight subjects in which they may be specially interested. Efforts will be made to cater for a wide public. The Managing Director will be given the opportunity of outlining his industry's fuel utilisation policy over the next five years; the Accountant will be interested in the costing of steam and power, the Food Grower in the drying of crops and the heating of glasshouses, the Borough Engineer in district heating, the Manager of a woolen mill in heat in the textile industries, the Housewife in modern domestic heating appliances, the Architect in insulation, the Fuel Engineer of a steel works in the efficient use of fuel in the iron and steel industry, and so on. This will indicate the diversity of the subjects to be covered, but care will be taken to see that the various discussions running simultaneously are so arranged that any member interested in a special theme will have the opportunity of attending all the relevant sessions.

During the last afternoon of the Conference all members will again meet together and representatives of the separate groups will summarise the proceedings.

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Apology To Truman

Prague, June 18. The United States Embassy announced today that the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry had apologised for the poem in the Communist weekly "Tvorba" attacking President Truman.

The protest was filed by American Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt.

The Foreign Office note expressed "profound regret" that the weekly periodical should have published utterances touching in such an offensive manner the head of the United States which are on friendly relations with Czechoslovakia.—United Press.

Drought Threat

Melbourne, June 18. Britain will lose a great deal of food and the State of Victoria many millions of pounds in revenue "unless soaking rains come this month," Mr. William George McKenzie, the Minister of Agriculture and Mines for Victoria, said today. He said that the wheat yield will be poor and lamb production meagre unless the rains arrive.

Meanwhile, floods continue to isolate and damage parts of Tasmania.—Reuter.

Manila Shipyard Strike

Manila, June 18. Two thousand eight hundred workers at the Philippine Consolidated Shipyards, the islands' largest marine repair establishment, struck this morning, following the management's refusal to grant pay increase and other concessions.

Another 2,000 strikers of the Luzon Brokerage Manila Trading and other Manila firms picketed the Court of the Industrial Relations for alleged anti-labour decisions and later presented to President Manuel Roxas a petition complaining of the court's action.

Manila's military and business community are particularly aware of the labour unrest as a result of the walkout of waiters and other attendants at the Army and Navy Club in a wage dispute. Only the bartenders stayed on the job.—Associated Press.

Shanghai Food Ration Scheme

Shanghai, June 17. A Food Control Commission with the Commissioner of Social Affairs, Wu Kai-shien, as the chairman, has been formally inaugurated.

Twenty thousand piculs of rice have been earmarked in the first lot to be distributed among the schools and factories when registration. Regarding the ration of rice for the poor, a census will be taken by the Pao Chia officials in their respective districts. Vegetable oil is to be similarly rationed. It is feared that the ration of rice, starting from schools and factories, will be thoroughly carried out with one picul per head as the goal for August. Mr. Wu promised the City Council in his report that everyone will be entitled to one picul per month.—Reuter.

NEW BRAKE

Dunlop Company's aviation division have made successful tests at Birmingham Airport with a new type of brake which is capable of pulling up "within reasonable distance" jet-propelled aircraft with landing speeds as high as 170 miles per hour. The brake—the Dunlop Plate Brake—is built into the normal confines of the wheel, obviating problems arising when the undercarriage is retracted.—L.P.S.

INDONESIA

The Hague, June 17. The Dutch Cabinet is expected to meet specially on Thursday morning to consider the Dutch Commission-General's recommendations on the Republic counter-memorandum to Holland's note proposing a federal interim government for the whole of Indonesia.—Reuter.

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Royal Ascot Triumphs

Reynard Volant Wins Big Prize

Ascot, June 17.
Royal Ascot, graced today, the first to its four-day meeting, by the King and Queen and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, did not turn out such a benefit for France as was generally anticipated for not one single prize of today's six valuable events went across the Channel.

Britain's socially elect, the men in morning dress with grey topcoats, predominating and the women in the brightest display of fashions seen in this country since before the war, began their day at the highly exclusive Royal enclosure two hours before the first race. White picture hats predominated in the headgear of women in the

U.S. Baseball Results

New York, June 17.
Rookie Sam Moe, slugged a three-run homer in the third, helping the Red Sox to squeak out the Browns 6-5 at Boston, in their seventh straight victory. Today's scores were:

National League	
Boston Braves	7 16 0
Cincinnati Reds	1 12 0
Brooklyn Dodgers	6 1 0
Philadelphia Phillies	3 8 1
Pittsburgh Pirates	5 7 0
St. Louis Cardinals	5 9 0
Washington Senators	3 8 1

American League	
Chicago White Sox	5 9 0
Cleveland Indians	5 8 0
Detroit Tigers	2 6 2
Philadelphia Athletics	5 7 0
Pittsburgh Pirates	5 7 0
St. Louis Cardinals	5 9 0
Washington Senators	3 8 1

United Press, New York, June 18.
In the National League, Phillies beat the Cardinals 6-7 in a night game last night in a nine innings game. Scores:

R. H. E.	
Philadelphia Phillies	7 16 0
St. Louis Cardinals	5 9 0
Phillies	p. Schatz, Donnelly (9th); c. Schmitz.
Cardinals	p. Munger, Dickson (6th); Wilks (8th); c. Garagiola.
Winning pitcher	Wilks; losing, Donnelly; Homer, Garagiola.

Signs For Airdrie

News has been just received in the Colony that Jimmy Gilchrist, ex-Berwick Rangers half back, and nephew of J. G. Gilchrist, of the Government stores and a former Hongkong Club footballer and local Scottish international player, has signed professional forms for Airdrie.

Jimmy Gilchrist, who is only 25, played for Northumberland in the school County competition and had trials for Newcastle and Hearts in 1938. During the war he was with the Army Physical Training Corps and was in the North Africa Campaign. At the time of his demobilisation he held the rank of Sergeant Major.

While in the Army he played football regularly and represented the Army in inter-services games at home. His position with Airdrie will probably be at centre half, the position to which he is best suited.

PARIS INVESTITURE

Paris, June 17.
Brigadier-General Howard Graham, Chief of Staff of the Canadian Army in Britain, received the Cross of the Legion of Honour and the Croix de Guerre with Palm in a colourful ceremony today in the courtyard of Hotel Des Invalides, headquarters of the Military Governor of Paris.

The investiture was made by General Georges-Marie Revers, Chief of the French General Staff, and attended by General Georges Vanier, Canadian Ambassador to France, and by high French military officials.—Reuter.

New Definition Of Amateur

Stockholm, June 17.
The International Olympic Commission today recommended that an amateur be defined as an athlete who participates in sport solely for pleasure or social benefit "without gain of any kind."

The Commission, established at Oslo last year to investigate the amateur question, submitted the recommendation to the International Olympic Committee in a formal report.

The report said that Olympic games were of such a highly idealistic nature that they should depend for success on the good sportsmanship and honour of the people administering them.

"Therefore," the report said, "assuming those in authority to play and amateurism, which is the base of the Olympic movement, we recommend that the IOC adopt the following definition of an amateur to be incorporated in the general rules: An amateur is one whose connection in sport is and has been solely for pleasure and or social benefits deriving from it and for whom sports are nothing more than recreation without gain of any kind, whether direct or indirect."

Stockholm, June 17.
Amateur athletes can be reimbursed for lost wages during the Olympic Games without being guilty of professionalism if the report of the Committee of Amateurism presented today is accepted by the International Olympic Committee in a later session at Stockholm this week.

This is the view of well-informed athletic circles here. The Amateurism Committee's definition of an amateur is one "to whom the sport is nothing more than recreation without material gain of any kind, direct or indirect."

Reimbursement of wages is not a gain athletic circles say, but merely avoidance of loss.

Final interpretation is, however, left to each National Federation.—Reuter.

Wellington, June 18.
Searches for the bodies of missing New Zealand airmen in the Pacific islands have not been "very successful" owing to the hostility of the natives in some cases, Mr. Frederick Jones, New Zealand Defence Minister, said here today.

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Queen's Club Tennis

London, June 17.
Two American lawn tennis favourites, who are among the favourites for the Wimbledon title, today easily advanced in the London championships against some of the best available European talent.

Margaret Osborne outplayed Czechoslovakian Helene Strauseva, 6-0, 6-1, in the third round of the day, which put Margaret into the last eight.

On an adjoining court a large crowd watched Doris Hart beat with little trouble Romanian's famed Madame Magda Ruzsa, 6-3, 6-3, in the second round.

Louise Brough entered the last eight, beating the British Mrs. C.E.O. Lister, 6-2, 6-2.

Bob Falkenberg beat the New Zealand Davis Cupper, Jeffrey Robinson, 6-4, 6-1.

In the second round, Patricia Carving beat Miss Joy Ganton, 6-1, 6-1.

The Argentine champion, Enrique Morea, scored an easy second victory over R. E. Carter of England, 6-3, 6-2.

Husky Morea overpowered the smaller Carter with lightning drives, and a smashing net game. His long reach enabled him to cover the court in a few easy strides.

Morea's court technique drew a large gallery of 500 who were amused at the South American's tricks such as kicking the ball into the hand with his heel.—United Press.

Choy Through
London, June 17.
W.C. Choy, former Chinese Davis Cup player and well-known in Hong Kong tennis circles, today entered the third round of the Queen's Club singles, beating G.E. Godsch, of Britain, 15-13, 4-6, 6-3 in a second round match.

Other second round winners were the Indian players, I. Ahmed, who defeated E. Whitman, of Poland by 6-2, 6-3; M. Mohan, who beat the Rumanian player, C. Tanasescu 7-5, 6-3.—Reuter.

There has been some very heavy wagering on this handicap, which despite its annual open nature, is usually the heaviest gambling medium during the four days.—Reuter.

Palestine Inquiry Begins

Jerusalem, June 17.
Dr. Moshe Sherton, head of the Jewish Agency's Washington department, presented what he termed as a factual introduction to the Palestine case from the Jewish Agency's standpoint when the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine began its first public session this afternoon.

Only 108 of the 450 seats available to the public in the Young Men's Christian Association building in Jerusalem were occupied when the 11 delegates, led by the chairman, Justice Emil Sandstrom, of Sweden, took their places on the flood-lit stage.

Dr. Sherton, who is Russian-born and former officer in the Turkish army, speaking in English with a slight accent, plunged straight into the "factual introduction." It was evident that his "facts and figures" were developing into a "fourteen raiser" to official presentation of the Jewish case.

In a 70-minute speech Dr. Sherton covered all phases of Jewish political, economic, social and cultural activities.

"Palestine is a nation in the making," he said. "A national economy is already in existence." Declaring that Jewish migration to Palestine was a "movement of mass return," he denied that Jewish land purchases in Palestine created a class of landless Arabs. All Arab peasants tilling land bought by Jews were re-settled elsewhere, he declared.

It was impossible, Dr. Sherton said, for Jews to be integrated as individuals among Arabs in Palestine as conditions compelled them to be in other countries. "Jews are aiming at creating a complete national system," he declared.—Reuter.

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SOVIET AND OLYMPICS

Stockholm, June 17.
The International Olympic Committee today opened the doors for Soviet participation in the 1948 Olympic Games.

The Committee granted an amnesty as of July 1 for all Russian athletes who received money payments, before that date, provided the Russian Federation is prepared henceforth to accept the modern point of view on the amateur question.—United Press.

U.S. WOMEN'S GOLF

Atlanta, Georgia, June 17.
Nineteen-year-old Mary Lena Faulk of Thomasville, Georgia, topped Cleveland's Jean Hopkins, one up on the 19th hole for the big upset of the women's Western Open golf tournament.

Minneapolis' stocky Patty Berk recorded a win over Atlanta's Jane Sharkey, while the defending champion, Louie Singh defeated Mary Agnes Weil three and two.

Grace Lenzyk of Newington, Connecticut, proved she was no flash in the pan by early disposing of Mrs. George Wilcox of Miami, Florida, five and four.

The most impressive first round triumph was scored by Peggy Kirk of Pindley, Ohio, who routed Alice O'Neil of Indianapolis, seven and six.—United Press.

HUNT CUP RESULT

Ascot, June 18.
The Royal Hunt Cup was won today by Master Veto with Whitehall second and Admiral's Van third. The betting was 25 to 1, 100 to 7 and 33 to 1 respectively. Master Veto won by two lengths and one length separated the second and third.—Reuter.

AN INNINGS VICTORY South Africans Defeat Somerset

London, June 17.
Some brisk hitting by Dudley Nourse in the first hour and half of play at Taunton today and steady bowling in the afternoon enabled the South Africans to beat Somerset by an innings and 43 runs with an hour to spare.

The final scores were: Somerset 170 and 155. South Africans 368 for eight declared.

Nourse played a bright innings of 65 in 75 minutes and hit ten fours. He was ably supported by Kenneth Vrojen, who batted soundly for 54 not out in 90 minutes. The South Africans were thus able to declare at lunch and leave the county to make 198 to avert an innings defeat.

The tourists' attack, however, was too much for the unimpaired Somerset batsmen, of whom Lawrence with 49, which included seven fours, was the highest scorer. Lee and Luckes, who each scored 23, made an effort to pull the game round, but wickets fell at regular intervals and Somerset were well beaten by a team full of confidence.

Plimsoll, fast-medium, took four wickets for 41 and Dawson three for 28.

Results of other first-class games which ended today were: At Guildford: Surrey drew with Cambridge University, Cambridge 200 (McMahon three for 20). Surrey 260 and 119 for four.

At Hereford: Combined Services beat Worcestershire by 131 runs. Combined Services 87 and 238. Worcestershire 110 and 84 (Whitehead five for ten).

At Swansea: Glamorgan drew with Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire 153 and 152 for five declared (Wilson not out 51, Crapp 55). Glamorgan 90 and 120 for seven (Dyson not out 71, Lambert four for 18).

At Manchester: Lancashire drew with Essex. Lancashire 245 for three declared. Essex 139 and 160 for seven.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire drew with Hampshire. Hampshire 386 for six declared. Northants 193 (Broderick 67, Davies 56, Ransom five for 50).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire drew with Nottinghamshire. Notts 358 for four (Kee 102, Hardstaff 130). Warwickshire 357.

At Lords: Middlesex drew with Yorkshire. Yorkshire 187 and 147 for four (Hutton 57). Middlesex 350 for two declared (Robinson 108, Brown 130, Edrich not out 64, Compton not out 50).

At Loughborough: Kent beat Leicestershire by 52 runs. Kent 175 and 133 (Fagg 57, Walsh five for 61, Jackson five for 18). Leicestershire 156 (Wright seven for 65) and 100 (Wright five for 42, Dovey five for 39).

At Horsham: Derbyshire beat Sussex by 99 runs. Derby 217 and 198 for four declared (Alderman 68). Sussex 195 (Pope five for 63) and 113 (Rhodes four for two runs in six overs, five or which were maidens).—Reuter.

MR. JINNAH ON THE STATES

New Delhi, June 17.
Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Muslim League President, in a statement today on the position of the Indian states after the lapse of British paramountcy, said: "Constitutionally and legally, the Indian states will be independent sovereign states on the termination of British paramountcy and they will be free to decide for themselves any course they like to adopt."

"It is open to the states to join the Hindustan Constituent Assembly or the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, or decide to remain independent. In the last case, they can either enter into such arrangements or relationships with Hindustan or Pakistan as they may choose," Mr. Jinnah said.—Reuter.

Nazis Escape

Stockholm, June 17.
The police in South Sweden disclosed today, after five months of investigation, that a Nazi underground organization, operating from headquarters at Malmö, has smuggled refugees Nazis to South America via Sweden.

Eric Ellanson, Police Superintendent in Scania province, said one German and one Swede were arrested yesterday for distributing false passports to alleged Nazi members fleeing Germany. He said the capture of several other members was expected in the near future.—United Press.

MR. JINNAH ON THE STATES

It was learned today that Dr. Lakshmi Chandra Jain, who has been Indian political representative in Japan since last September, is returning to India in the last week of June.—United Press.

Ratification Of Peace Treaties

London, June 17.
The British Government has approached the United States, France and the Soviet Union to secure the earliest completion of the ratification of the peace treaties with Germany's five satellites—Italy, Finland, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria—and the simultaneous deposit of the instruments of ratification necessary before the treaties can come into force.

It is assumed that this fresh British approach is directed mainly towards the Soviet Union, the only one of the Big Four who as yet appears to have taken no definite step to complete the ratification.

Delay in the coming into force of the Italian treaty has put off the holding of a conference on the disposal of her former colonies and the appointment of a governor for Trieste.

Diplomatic observers in London are asking whether Russia may have definite political moves for postponing her ratification.—Reuter.

BRITISH MEDIATION

Batavia, June 17.
Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Prime Minister of the Indonesian Republic, is arriving in Batavia tomorrow at the invitation of the British Consul-General, Mr. J. M. L. Mitcheson, for consultation about the sovereignty of the proposed interim government for Indonesia over which a crisis with the Dutch has arisen. Republican sources announced today.

A spokesman at the British Consulate-General declined to comment on the reports about Dr. Sjahrir's visit.—Reuter.

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7.30 p.m.—Studio: La Demi-Heure Française.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News, 10.10 p.m.—Relay: World News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Horn and Strings: "The Orchestra and William Brownlee."
8.30 p.m.—Studio: Record Review. "A Review of the Latest Records released by ZBW." Presented by Nicky Leral.
9.00 p.m.—H.C. Transcription Service: "The Written Word." Lord Chatterfield's Letters to his son. 11.15 p.m.—"Service Music Hall."
9.45 p.m.—Muzart: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik—London Philharmonic Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.15 p.m.—"Roses."
10.30 p.m.—Benjamin Britten: Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings. Peter Peers (Tenor), Dennis Brain (Horn), and Boyd Neel String Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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